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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

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QRP-L Digest 2241

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by "John Harper AE5X" <ae5x@qsl.net>
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by David Sarraf <david.sarraf@paonline.com>
- 22) [101547] Re: Radio Shack
by "Bob Hightower" <nk7m@extremezone.com>
- 23) [101548] Some compromises seem to help using the Warbler for CW...
by "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
- 24) [101549] Re: Results - 40m + NVIS field trip to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
by "John Karpus" <jkarpus@home.com>
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by moglesto@ecentral.com
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- 27) [101552] MI QRP Contest
by "AB0CD" <ab0cd@uswest.net>
- 28) [101553] Mi QSO Party K0FRP
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- 29) [101554] My new EarthLink email address
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- 30) [101555] Re: MI QRP Contest
by Todd Enders <enders@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
- 31) [101556] Re: Radio Shack
by John Rollins <kd7bcy@teleport.com>
- 32) [101557] Re: Radio Shack
by Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
- 33) [101558] Re: My new EarthLink email address
by Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
- 34) [101559] Re: My new EarthLink email address
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
- 35) [101560] Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 36) [101561] Re: %20Radio%20Shack
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 37) [101562] Re: My new EarthLink email address
by RangerSF5@aol.com
- 38) [101563] Here's another response from the firefox@earthlink
by RangerSF5@aol.com
- 39) [101564] Re: Contesting
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 40) [101565] Re: 2 Mtr CW
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 41) [101566] Re: Guitar or K2 ?
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 42) [101567] Re: Radio Shack
by <brownh@hartford-hwp.com>
- 43) [101568] Dipoles and Verticals

by "Walt Amos" <k8cv@netzero.net>
44) [101569] Re: TT2
by "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
45) [101570] Mosley TA36 rope
by Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
46) [101571] Re: Mosley TA36 rope
by "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
47) [101572] Re: My new EarthLink email address
by "John Dorson" <JDORSON@worldshare.net>
48) [101573] June 2nd TAC Contest Logs Due
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
49) [101574] Re: Mosley TA36 rope **Found rope**
by Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
50) [101575] DX QSLs
by Joseph Mikuckis <k3chp@erols.com>
51) [101576] Re: Radio Shack
by Paul Mills <cybrinjn@gis.net>
52) [101577] Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
53) [101578] More NO-feed line antenna. . . Re: Results - 40m + NVIS field trip
to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
by John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
54) [101579] Re: Speaking of headphones
by "E. Roswell" <eroswell@monmouth.com>
55) [101580] RE: My new EarthLink email address
by "Randall" <Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>
56) [101581] W4CGP any member of this list have a CW qso with him??
by "Donny Sirait" <dsirait@centrin.net.id>
57) [101582] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
by Shephed@aol.com
58) [101583] The small stuff
by John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
59) [101584] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
60) [101585] Re: Radio Shack
by George F Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
61) [101586] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
62) [101587] Cheap hookup wire
by "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
63) [101588] 4401 vs 2222A
by PDouglas12@aol.com
64) [101589] Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by "Dan Evans" <n9rla@yahoo.com>
65) [101590] Re: 4401 vs 2222A
by John Wagner <john@neknetwork.com>
66) [101591] Re: Speaking of headphones
by adamvaz@palm.net (Adam Vazquez)

67) [101592] CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? I'm not :-)
by "Ed Manuel (N5EM)" <n5em@flash.net>

68) [101593] RE: Radio Shack
by Scott McCullough <mcwood@cornhusker.net>

69) [101594] Re: New Pole at Cabela's - update
by n2cx@voicenet.com

70) [101595] Re: Power supply
by "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>

71) [101596] CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
by "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>

72) [101597] Re: The small stuff
by "Glenn Butzlaff" <gbutzlaff@wi.rr.com>

73) [101598] Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>

74) [101599] July 4th
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>

75) [101600] Re: 4401 vs 2222A
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>

76) [101601] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
by Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>

77) [101602] Summary and Conclusions: Re: 2m CW rig?
by "Rod Cerkoney, N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>

78) [101603] Re: My new EarthLink email address
by Bill Walker <kd7jzb@mindspring.com>

79) [101604] Re: Contesting
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

80) [101605] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

81) [101606] 2N222A vs 2N4401
by PDouglas12@aol.com

82) [101607] Re: Dipoles and Verticals
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

83) [101608] FS:Varactors BB204B update
by "Craig A. Ferris" <cferris@aeronix.com>

84) [101609] Re: Summary and Conclusions: Re: 2m CW rig?
by "Dennis Ponsness" <wb0wao@hotmail.com>

85) [101610] Re: Radio Shack
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

86) [101611] Re: Electric Fuel
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

87) [101612] Re: Radio Shack
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

88) [101613] Re: Radio Shack
by "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>

89) [101614] RE:
by Norman Young <norman_y@yahoo.com>

90) [101615] Re: Radio Shack
by "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>

- 91) [101616] RE: The small stuff
by "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
- 92) [101617] Re: Radio Shack
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 93) [101618] Re: Radio Shack
by "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
- 94) [101619] Radio Shack debate
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
- 95) [101620] Re: %20Radio%20Shack
by "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
- 96) [101621] Getting only about half of the posts
by NB6M@aol.com
- 97) [101622] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
- 98) [101623] Re: Contesting
by George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
- 99) [101624] QRP Get-together at Glacier/Waterton hamfest
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
- 100) [101625] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by "John Moriarity" <k6qq@hdo.net>
- 101) [101626] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by "Robert P. Okas" <vintage@best.com>
- 102) [101627] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
by "John Moriarity" <k6qq@hdo.net>
- 103) [101628] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
by "laura halliday" <marsgal42@hotmail.com>
- 104) [101629] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
- 105) [101630] FS Almost new Weller Temp Controlled Soldering Station TC201 for \$50
by ke6d@juno.com
- 106) [101631] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
- 107) [101632] Re: Radio Shack debate
by "Winston F. Jones" <winjones@ix.netcom.com>
- 108) [101633] Re: Radio Shack
by Bob Welch <p326@earthlink.net>
- 109) [101634] Results of the JULY SPARTAN SPRINT
by Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>
- 110) [101635] Re: Radio Shack
by Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
- 111) [101636] RE: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
- 112) [101637] Radio Shack
by NM5Mike@aol.com
- 113) [101638] Army surplus was Re: Radio Shack
by Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
- 114) [101639] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>

115) [101640] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by "Chris" <w4yyz@tampabay.rr.com>
116) [101641] Screwdriver antenna
by Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
117) [101642] Re: Radio Shack
by <brownh@hartford-hwp.com>
118) [101643] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching
by lhlousek <lhlousek@nvhbell.net>
119) [101644] RE: Screwdriver antenna
by <schoon@amgt.com>
120) [101645] MAILING TO CHINA
by "DONALD G. DORN" <DDORN@CWIS.NET>
121) [101646] Re: MAILING TO CHINA
by n2go@arrl.net
122) [101647] Re:
by Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
123) [101648] Re: Radio Shack
by Robert Clark <res03db2@gte.net>
124) [101649] RE: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
by randy@randyrathbun.org
125) [101650] Re: MAILING TO CHINA
by Bill Miner <wg6h@postoffice.pacbell.net>
126) [101651] Re: Radio Shack
by "R. Soetedjo" <robi@u.washington.edu>
127) [101652] SST Q2 final
by N1EU <n1eu@yahoo.com>
128) [101653] Re: Screwdriver antenna
by Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
129) [101654] FW: ARLB026 Amateur LF signal spans the Pacific!
by "Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>
130) [101655] Radio Shack
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
131) [101656] RE: Screwdriver antenna
by <schoon@amgt.com>
132) [101657] Fox - AL7FS - Tonight - Be there! :-)
by Jim Larsen AL7FS <AL7FS@pobox.alaska.net>
133) [101658] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
134) [101659] ***** And the winner is.....
by "Gary Powell\" <n4dl_qrp\" <n4dl_qrp@worldnet.att.net>
135) [101660] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
by Tom & Roxanne <zikot@erie.net>
136) [101661] more famous hams...
by "Delbert Long" <ad6we@hotmail.com>
137) [101662] Re: Fox - AL7FS - Tonight - Be there! :-)
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
138) [101663] Anyone remember
by RangerSF5@aol.com

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:15:06 -0400
From: "Thaire Bryant" <tbry37@mediaone.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101526] Radio Shack
Message-ID: <001901c104df\$29fdc6c0\$41506041@ne.mediaone.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I must admit I find the "Shack" very convenient, but my two pet peeves are that they will not let you just browse (it would always mean a bigger sale, as I can always find a few things I can't live without, given enough time) and they always ask your name, even for a \$1.00 sale. I always say "Ted Kazinsky".

Thaire W2APF

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 16:28:37 -0700
From: "laura halliday" <marsgal42@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101527] Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <F2191PbtW35F3q06voz000107bf@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Radio Shack? I have four within 5 km. I also have three pretty good electronics stores within a similar radius, but only Radio Shack is open Sundays.

I feel the prejudice against Radio Shack is unwarranted, and unfair. What they do, they generally do well. If they don't have it, they'll order it. When they do it arrives when they say it will. What more can you ask for?

In my experience the sales staff are far from pushy - service at gunpoint is more like it. Curious, since they're on commission.

Laura Halliday VE7LDH "Que les nuages soient notre
Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."
ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W - Hospital/Shafte

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Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:39:24 -0400
From: "John L. \"Jake\" Carter" <jakecart@ix.netcom.com>
To: <aa5jj@swbell.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101528] RE: Where to buy wire for dipoles
Message-ID: <GCECIJFJPOHMCKACOA0BCELKCJAA.jakecart@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="US-ASCII"
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I've purchased antenna wire from a bunch of places, but the best deal I've found is a spool of electric hookup wire from Home Depot. Its the wire you would use to replace the power cord for a light fixture. Its insulated, flexible, comes in a couple discrete colors and is cheap.

Jake -- N4UY

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of Wayne Williams
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 3:17 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Where to buy wire for dipoles

Hello Where is a good place to buy flexabe wire to make a rool up and go dipole and what size is best for low power 100 watts or less ? Need about 67.5 foot...

73 God bless Wayne

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 18:42:51 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
To: marsgal42@hotmail.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [101529] Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <3B43A9FB.B38443DB@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Remember you have a different management group in Canada than in the US. When I was in Canada 8 - 10 years ago I found the shacks up there very different than in the states. It was almost as if it was a totally different company carrying the same brands.

Randy. KB8AS0

laura halliday wrote:

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> -----
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"Freedom-is not free" -Korean War National Memorial in Washington

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:46:33 -0400
From: "John L. \"Jake\" Carter" <jakecart@ix.netcom.com>
To: <K4BYF@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101530] RE: TT
Message-ID: <GCECIJFJPOHMCKACOA0BIEKJCJAA.jakecart@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I built a Neophyte to go along with my TT. Details are on my web page at
URL:

<http://sites.netscape.net/jakeycarter/neophyte>

Jake -- N4UY

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of
K4BYF@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 4:20 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: TT2

Does anyone have information on a companion receiver for the TT2 ? 73 de
Jack, K4BYF

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 17:44:09 -0600
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: Qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101531] FOX: Results so far
Message-ID: <3B4355E9.7227.1400D89@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hi, Guys--

The results from Week 1 of the 20M Fox Hunt have been posted on the web site at
<http://www.cqc.org/sfox> .

So far we have 90-some hounds tied with perfect scores, e.g. 2 for 2 [g].

The teams competition is neck and neck, as usual, with two teams having achieved

double-sweeps-- the Big Dawgs and NE TX Tornadoes.

Things are going to get interesting tomorrow night, with our first ever DX Fox (if you count AK as DX).

Good luck, and May the Fox be With You!

Marshall Emm, N1FN
Milestone Technologies, Inc.
(303) 752-3382
<http://www.mtechnologies.com>

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 20:01:31 -0400
From: "Richard Clemens" <clemens@wvwc.edu>
To: <tbry37@mediaone.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101532] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <009601c104e5\$a8ba7b60\$0201000a@mshome.net>
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charset="Windows-1252"
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> I always say "Ted Kazinsky".

and I bet they don't even get it...

I have four RSs to choose from but all require at least a 15 - 45 minute trip. At least two of the stores know me by first and last name, leave me alone when I walk in the door, know that I am a ham and build stuff, and understand I know more about most of the items in the store than they do.

But when the project is more than a few parts I head for digi-key. Cheaper, next day delivery, better selection, online ordering, better quality parts...

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 15:37:34 -0400 (EDT)
From: n2go@arrl.net
To: Richard Clemens <clemens@wvwc.edu>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101533] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0107041536380.4064-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

My favorite answer to "can we have your name" is Joe Momma :)

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 20:23:51 -0400
From: Steve <semannt@tcia.net>
To: clemens@wwwc.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101534] Re: Vertical for QRP -- Followup Question
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My 2 cents worth:

I have a 20 meter dipole about 26 feet high, fed with 450 twinlead and tuned for all bands with a tuner. The dipole is broadside North - South. I also have an old Cushcraft R5 vertical (20-10 meters including WARC bands), base about 10 feet off the ground and the top of the vertical about 26 feet off the ground.

Both work well but the vertical is easier to operate, not requiring tuner adjustment to QSY or change bands. I've had generally better results on 18 - 30 MHz with the vertical and generally prefer the "sound" of signals off the vertical.

I realize that's pretty subjective, but that's my 2 cents!

Steve, N4EY
Richard Clemens wrote:

>
> Okay great input
>
> Dipole is 20' at most, maybe 18'
>

> so, WHICH vertical 40-10 including warc bands?
>
> KB8AOB@ARRL.NET
>

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:27:34 -0700
From: "Dan Evans" <n9rla@yahoo.com>
To: <tbry37@mediaone.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101535] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <003101c104fa\$10549bc0\$0101a8c0@danevans>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> ask your name, even for a \$1.00 sale. I always
> say "Ted Kazinsky".
>
> Thaire W2APF

Hee hee, I like it. I may use that next trip:-)

Dan Evans N9RLA
444 Lynhurst dr.
Scottsburg, IN 47170
{EM78}
IN-Ham list administrator
QRP-1 #1269
1/2 of the N9RLA /R no budget Rover Team
Check out the Rover Resource Page at:
<http://www.qsl.net/n9rla>

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Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 20:35:24 -0400
From: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
To: <n2go@arrl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101536] Re: Radio Shack

Message-ID: <00f201c104ea\$61a5d1c0\$3294fea9@robertpa>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Why bother giving them a name?
Just say no!

I do this all the time. Had one salesman tell me I can't buy anything
unless I give him a name.
Your name and your personnal information is none of RS business. I just
tell them I'm already in their stupid computer. Tell them your from Nirobi
or the third planet from the sun!

That usually works!

----- Original Message -----

From: <n2go@arrl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 3:37 PM
Subject: Re: Radio Shack

> My favorite answer to "can we have your name" is Joe Momma :)
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> 73,
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> Jim n2go
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Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 19:47:45 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
To: n2go@arrl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101537] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B43B931.258B1C7@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I. P. Freely works too!! Got this from the XYL!

Randy KB8AS0.

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> 73,

>

> Jim n2go

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"Freedom-is not free" -Korean War National Memorial in Washington

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 21:00:53 -0400
From: "Terres Family" <terresfm@ncia.net>
To: <tbry37@mediaone.net>
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101538] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <002f01c104ed\$f20727c0\$8e82f3ce@computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

when i was in gorham new hampshire to renew my drivers license (definitely the place to go, couldn't believe i passed the vision test without glasses) and wanted to look up steve weber who lives in berlin which is right next door to gorham, i went into the nearest radio shack and they drew me a map. (true story, found him and made a deal for a MS-15kit, traded him some rail-to-rail surface mount op amps for a small but much appreciated discount. (i.e. bought it for a price reduced to all the money i had left in my pocket)).

radio shacks vary alot, some are company shops and some are 'privately' owned, i have certainly encountered the over helpful sales person who was capable of no help at all. but not always. its sort of like an electronic convenience store.

also, i've always preferred jose feliciano to ted kazinski

jerry aa1of
franconia nh

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 18:30:05 -0700
From: Jeff Stai WK6I <jstai@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101539] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20010704182930.06a575c0@mail>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 06:00 PM 7/4/01, Terres Family wrote:
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tell them your name is "Cash. Johnny Cash"... - jeff wk6i

jeff stai
radio stuff: WK6I in DM13
rocket stuff: NAR #21059 TRA #3356 Level 2 Cert.
email: jstai@home.com or wk6i@arrl.net
ROC web page: <http://www.rocstock.org/>
LDRS web page: <http://www.ldr20.org/>

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 18:27:32 -0700
From: "Glenn Maclean" <wa7spy@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101540] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <001701c104f1\$aa51c6c0\$11710c41@scrmnt1.ca.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I went to the local Radio Shack today to purchase batteries and a charger for the soon to arrive battery option for my K1. I was very surprised to find them open on the 4th of July. The clerk asked for my name and looked it up on his computer. All of the information was incorrect. He asked is this correct. I simply told him yes that's me. Paid the bill and left.

Glenn WA7SPY

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 21:00:05 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <bmmurrey@amexol.net>
To: <clemens@wwwc.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101541] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <004601c104f6\$36b0b1e0\$67492bd1@iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I can not count how many times I've RACED to the front door of my local Radio Shack at 5 mins after closing time...only to be allowed in (because they know I know what I want) and grab that last second part.

Until Walmart starts carrying components, I'll be forever true to my Radio Shack.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Richard Clemens" <clemens@wwwc.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 7:01 PM
Subject: Re: Radio Shack

> > I always say "Ted Kazinsky".
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> and I bet they don't even get it...
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> I have four RSs to choose from but all require at least a 15 - 45 minute
> trip. At least two of the stores know me by first and last name, leave me
> alone when I walk in the door, know that I am a ham and build stuff, and
> understand I know more about most of the items in the store than they do.
>
> But when the project is more than a few parts I head for digi-key.
Cheaper,
> next day delivery, better selection, online ordering, better quality
> parts...
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Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 21:05:54 -0500
From: "John Harper AE5X" <ae5x@qsl.net>
To: <geraldsteck@msn.com>, <w0ch@arrl.net>, <k5kw@aol.com>, <w5tb@arrl.net>, <w5usj@globeco.net>, <n5uw@arrl.net>
Cc: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101542] Results - 40m + NVIS field trip to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
Message-ID: <000701c104f7\$08d69b80\$4f5e9bac@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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I've posted a short write-up and some photos of the trip on my page at:
<http://www.qsl.net/ae5x/wichita.html>

John Harper AE5X
Outdoor QRP: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 21:01:40 -0500
From: "Ed Manuel (N5EM)" <n5em@flash.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Cc: hats@stevens.com, hqrp@stevens.com
Subject: [101543] FS: Shack Cleaning
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.2.20010704204949.00b35100@pop.flash.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

More items have to go. QRPers first, Tx City Hamfest next.

1. Mizuho MX-2, 2m CW/SSB handheld. Runs on 4 AAA cells. One 50 khz. segment 144.197 - 144.252 (OK, it's a bit more than 50 khz.). Think its

around .5 watt but I really don't know and haven't measured it. \$75.

2. Ten Tec MFJ-9406 Six Meter SSB/CW rig. With microphone that says Radio Shack on it. \$200.

3. Kantronics KPC-3 with version 8.2 software. No cables or anything else with it. \$50.

4. MFJ 16010 Antenna Tuner. \$25.

5. Palomar Engineers R-X Noise Bridge. \$35.

6. E.F. Johnson Jr. Matchbox. This one is rough. Works OK - no external bridge. \$50.

7. Yaesu VR-500 handheld multimode scanner, Yaesu soft leather case, Yaesu programming software and PC cable. \$225.

All items plus shipping which will be Priority Mail where possible. I prefer Paypal.

Thanks.

Ed Manuel, N5EM
n5em@amsat.org

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 22:15:40 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101544] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <003d01c104f8\$684d9540\$0600a8c0@dad>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tell the guy he's full of it.

The RS Store operating system has a specific key to hit when a customer refuses. If a store employee gives you that like of garbage, ask him if he'd like to have his 'DM' explain to him how to handle a sale when a customer says "REFUSED".

Oh, and ask him for HIS name (and address), so that you can get it right when you talk to the "DM".

But me? I give it! I still get 10% off coupons in the mail on my birthday...

Mike

> Why bother giving them a name?
> Just say no!
> I do this all the time. Had one salesman tell me I can't buy anything
> unless I give him a name.

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 22:34:31 -0400
From: Chuck Ludinsky <cjl@mitre.org>
To: neqrp@jona1.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101545] NEQRP CW Net, Thursday, 5 July, 8:30 PM EDT, 3.565MHz
Message-ID: <3B43D237.D43AE5B5@mitre.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The New England QRP Club's WQ1RP CW net meets again Thursday night, 5 July 2001, at 8:30 PM EDT (0030Z, 22 June 01) on or near 3.565 MHz. Net control operator for this week's 80M session will be Chuck, K1CL, operating from Chelmsford, MA.

Last week's net had a total of seven participants:

N1EI	Charlie	Mansfield Center, CT	599
KA3WNJ	Ken	Erwinna, PA	599
W2RBA	Joe	Mt. Vision, NY	489
KD1YV	Jim	Bethel, CT	599
AA1MY	Seab	Bethel, ME	599
AB8DF	Ed	Waterford, MI	SP 449
K1CL	Chuck	Chelmsford, MA	Net Op

Everyone gave a brief summary of their field day activities -- sounds like a good time was had by all, despite a little thunderstorm activity in the Northeast. Thanks, also, to Charlie, N1EI, for QSPing for Ed. Still suffering from a high RFI level from power lines, I could barely hear Ed, but could not copy any of his transmission.

72 DE K1CL,
Chuck

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 22:38:35 -0400
From: David Sarraf <david.sarraf@paonline.com>
To: rarland@earthlink.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101546] New Laptop
Message-ID: <3B43D32B.7FCCEC23@paonline.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rich:

Microsoft made a little clip-on mouse for laptops like you described. It was a nice piece of engineering. The ball ran on metal rollers rather than plastic and the body would quickly swivel up to allow access to the floppy disc slot or whatever had gotten covered up on the side of the laptop. It was a pleasure to use and was, in my opinion, much nicer than the little eraser-head mice or joysticks that many laptops have on their keyboards. I don't know of any retailers that have them but you may want to start with Microsoft and see if they still make it.

Dave Sarraf

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:40:16 -0700
From: "Bob Hightower" <nk7m@extremezone.com>
To: <tbry37@mediaone.net>
Cc: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101547] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <006501c104fb\$d40cde00\$31127d3f@de11>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> they always
> ask your name, even for a \$1.00 sale. I always
> say "Ted Kazinsky".

>

Yes, it's really amazing to me that the company that has 'the answers' can't create a network or maintain a database that doesn't crash frequently.

Bob NK7M

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 23:00:58 -0400
From: "Bill, N4QA" <n4qa@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101548] Some compromises seem to help using the Warbler for CW...
Message-ID: <F75m1JMW8zoAv1WbHbS000076f3@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Al, K8DHJ, and I had a nice little CW QSO on 3579.9 kHz this evening. Al ran 150 watts while I ran the Warbler at one watt. I gave Al 589 and he gave me 569.

Three 'new' things I tried tonight:

1) Operated just below 3580 (3579.9) kHz, where I kept out of PSKers way AND where the Warbler still manages to output one full watt.

2) Adjusted the Warbler's carrier osc/ BFO for exactly 3581.5 kHz...not to zero-beat W1AW, although it does...but to cause a somewhat lower beat frequency (500 Hz lower than before) while receiving other CW stations which are operating, say, between 3579 and 3580 kHz...it's a little easier on the ears.

I also set DigiPan's 'spectrum start' to 3581.5 kHz, LSB.
Used the TS-440S for calibration.

3) I'm now using the Vectronics VEC-841K tunable audio filter between the Warbler's audio out jack and the 'aux' input jack of a Realistic(Radio Shack) cat. no. 32-2040 'Amplified Speaker System' to make it a little easier to single out the signal of the person with whom I'm trying to communicate...still, also use DigiPan for the panoramic view :)

The Warbler still works great on PSK with the 'new' settings and I'm real happy about that.

73.
Bill, N4QA

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Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 23:01:34 -0400
From: "John Karpus" <jkarpus@home.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101549] Re: Results - 40m + NVIS field trip to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
Message-ID: <20010705030318.MFRT17020.femail8.sdc1.sfba.home.com@[65.8.88.236]>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

I have used a homebrew dipole in a wide inverted vee configuration apex at 8ft , legs at 4ft for about a year (40m). The amount of activity I can get even at 2w ssb never ceases to amaze me. Tnx fer pics and story. I hope to get out into field soon, I have never done that and it looks like a blast
John

>From: "John Harper AE5X" <ae5x@qsl.net>
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Results - 40m + NVIS field trip to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
>Date: Wed, Jul 4, 2001, 10:05 PM
>

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Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2001 23:08:36 -0600 (MDT)
From: mugglesto@ecentral.com
To: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101550] RE: Antenna for Firetower?
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10107032307380.853-100000@mugleston.mugs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

So, tell us, now that you have this tower does it come with the land under it or is it going in someone's back yard?

Brad Mugleston, KI00T
Aurora, Arapahoe Cty, Colorado
DM79oq 39.692500N 104.802600W
CQC #170, QRP-L #316, NorCal #2934

On Mon, 2 Jul 2001, Nick Kennedy wrote:

> -----Original Message-----
> From: N1EU [SMTP:n1eu@yahoo.com]
>
>
> Having a fire tower is every ham's dream. (Right?) Well guess what, guys?
> A group of six local hams and myself are just now completing a deal that's
> almost that good. A bunch of AT&T's old microwave tower sites all across
> the country are now for sale and we're getting one. It's a beauty, 112
> feet tall and built stout like a fire tower. Unfortunately, it has a
> ladder instead of stairs. Right now we're pondering the same question that
> was put out in this post; we've yet to put up an antenna.
>
> Man, it would have been a great monolith for QRPTTF!
>
> 72--Nick, WA5BDU
>

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 23:11:40 EDT
From: NOBN@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101551] Re:%20Radio%20Shack
Message-ID: <93.cc28e09.287534ec@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I paid cash last year at the Radioshack.com in Denver, refused to give my name (as I always do when I'm paying cash) and they gave me a cash register receipt made out to something like "Hard Cash Payer, 1667 Dope Smoker Lane". If I dug hard enough, I might still have it around somewhere.

How obnoxious is that? I faxed a copy to the store manager who didn't bother to get back to me.

A salesperson last week there told me they get commissions or bonuses or brownie points or something for getting the info.

Daniel n0bn

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 20:47:13 -0600
From: "AB0CD" <ab0cd@uswest.net>
To: "cqclist" <CQCLIST@EGROUPS.COM>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101552] MI QRP Contest
Message-ID: <000f01c104fc\$cb8a6940\$a29ca0d8@dnvr.uswest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Pretty rough going in my Denver backyard. I checked a couple of times to see if my Gap had fallen down. Was on about 2 hrs but only logged 15 QSOs. But thanks to those I was able to get into the log.

72 Dick AB0CD..

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:20:16 -0600
From: "al dawkins" <alk0frp@home.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101553] Mi QSO Party K0FRP
Message-ID: <017401c104f0\$a68ff940\$0200a8c0@home>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Home alone
MI QSO party

SLOW 47 q's 20/40m 30 SPC
Half the Q's in the first Hour
Have not figured the points
5 MI stations, guess the propagation was not there
Al K0FRP

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 22:14:37 -0600
From: Kennard <firefox67501@earthlink.net>
To: <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101554] My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <200107050308.UAA01365@swan.mail.pas.earthlink.net>

Hi. I wanted to let you know that I've switched to EarthLink for my Internet access, and I now have a new email address.

So please send all email to my new EarthLink email address:

firefox67501@earthlink.net

I don't want to miss any of your messages, so please take a moment to write down my new address and add it to your email address book.

Thanks!
Randall

P.S. My old email address was (firefox@southwind.net,firefox67501@earthlink.net)

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Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 22:31:34 -0500
From: Todd Enders <enders@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101555] Re: MI QRP Contest
Message-ID: <200107050331.AA00409@bolshoi.cc.misu.nodak.edu>
Content-Type: text/plain
Mime-Version: 1.0 (NeXT Mail 4.2mach_patches v148.2)

Not much better here in ND. Spent 3:20, more or less, trying to work 'em with my 300 mW rig. 8 QSOs, 8 SPC. All on 20m. Worked almost all I could hear above ESP levels. Was fun anyway, and added 2 to the mW WAS count. :-)

72/73,

Todd, AGOT

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 20:54:52 -0700
From: John Rollins <kd7bcy@teleport.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101556] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <a05010400b769944bfad5@[216.26.61.79]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

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>Radio Shack at 5 mins after closing time...only to be allowed in (because
>they know I know what I want) and grab that last second part.
Do you know how many times I've gone to the closest Rat Shack 30
MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING and ran head first into a locked door? With
those dumb ass salesmen grinning and shrugging their shoulders?!
Seems they like to lock up early and go home. The next closest
location can't get away with that since they're in a mall... And
neither location has ANYONE with a brain bigger than that of a small
insect. They should say "You've got questions, we've got confused
looks on our faces!"

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| http://jrollins.tripod.com/ |
| KD7BCY kd7bcy@teleport.com |
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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 00:42:29 -0400
From: Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
To: clemens@wwwc.edu, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101557] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <4.1.20010705003939.009883a0@mail>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I;m fortunate to have a major industrial electronics parts house within a half mile of my office so Rat Shack is a last resort at best. There is also an old style general purpose electronics parts house a similar distance from the office which reminds me of something from the late 60's early 70's. The bennies of living in a major metropolitan area.

Cheers!

Dave WA4EMR/8

At 08:01 PM 7/4/2001 -0400, Richard Clemens wrote:

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>parts...

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 00:05:27 -0500

From: Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>

To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [101558] Re: My new EarthLink email address

Message-ID: <3B43F597.C123FC51@swbell.net>

MIME-version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Kennard wrote:

>

> Hi. I wanted to let you know that I've switched to EarthLink for my Internet
access, and I now have a new email address.

Who is this idiot and why should I care what his email address is. Ive

received at least four announcements of this change in the last few days, three of them addressed directly to me. Is this spam from Earthlink or just someone that doesnt have a clue?

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 00:10:51 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: sjolin@swbell.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101559] Re: My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <3B43F6DB.96B632EE@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

He probably sent you an email sometime in the past and thus you were in his address book. His email changeover probably involved - perhaps unknown to him - the generation of the "change" message and sending it out to everyone in the book.

I got one too and I never heard of him, so maybe it catches everyone on the reflector.

Or maybe he is a Hound that was hacked that he couldn't find you Tuesday night! <:}

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

Dave Sjolin wrote:

> Who is this idiot and why should I care what his email address is.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 02:11:40 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: marsgal42@hotmail.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101560] Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <3B44051C.63AEB891@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Laura,

O have to agree completely. I think it has become popular to slam Radio Shack without thinking where we would be without them. Where would we get those parts we need on a hurry? The Radio Shack I used to use, before I became disabled tried very hard to please. I didn't always see eye to eye with their sales staff, but they were always there. Try a little kindness and some patience. And don't think you know everything. The description of the part says you don't!

73

>

> I feel the prejudice against Radio Shack is unwarranted,
> and unfair. What they do, they generally do well. If
> they don't have it, they'll order it. When they do
> it arrives when they say it will. What more can you
> ask for?
>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 02:38:06 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: NOBN@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101561] Re: %20Radio%20Shack
Message-ID: <3B440B4E.F5DDF50@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Daniel.

It seems some of you are confused by Radio Shack's request for your name and address. It is really an integral part of their business philosophy. By getting your name and address they can maintain a mailing list that is more specific to the store and also your purchases. Those ubiquitous little mailers come to your house because you gave them your name and address. Where would they send them if they didn't have your name and address? That's right, to the dead letter office. Their business would probably suffer and they might eventually go out of business. Then where would you get parts in a hurry? I've never had a problem saying "not this time" over a 79 cent purchase. They've never had a problem with it either!

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 03:23:35 EDT
From: RangerSF5@aol.com
To: sjolin@swbell.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101562] Re: My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <38.187c7f15.28756ff7@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 7/5/01 2:06:39 AM Atlantic Daylight Time,
sjolin@swbell.net writes:

<<

Who is this idiot and why should I care what his email address is. Ive
received at least four announcements of this change in the last few
days, three of them addressed directly to me. Is this spam from
Earthlink or just someone that doesnt have a clue?

>>

I also received the message not only today but also about 2 weeks ago.
I responded to the very first one and asked who he was and he did respond
back saying he was trying his new Earthlink E mail
I recall firefox from another list about a year ago but just can't remember
what list it was on.

Bob

WA2HOQrp <tm>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 03:28:20 EDT
From: RangerSF5@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101563] Here's another response from the firefox@earthlink
Message-ID: <10.f10e54e.28757114@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This is an exact duplicate of what he sent me 2 weeks ago

Why did you get the below notice ! Well, I belong to several mailing lists
including but not limited to..... QRP-L, Heathkit, VHF, HPLX, FT817, 50MHz
and others. Also do some buying and selling on eBay. So if you are in any of
the above groups, or if you now have an e-mail address that at one time
belonged to someone else, the Earthlink software sent you an automated

notice and it did all those addresses still hidden in my deep, dark and more than a little dust hard drive. This notice may have been sent twice.....sorry...

I do apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Please do have a good day.

I thin this Guy has a bad spot in his deep dark little hard drive

Bob

WA2HOQrp <tm>

-----Original Message-----

From: RangerSF5@aol.com [mailto:RangerSF5@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 11:30 PM

To: firefox67501@earthlink.net

Subject: Re: My new EarthLink email address

I have no idea who you are or what messages you'r talking about

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>

Received: from rly-yc01.mx.aol.com (rly-yc01.mail.aol.com [172.18.149.33])
by air-yc03.mail.aol.com (v78_r3.8) with ESMTP; Thu, 05 Jul 2001 00:41:16
-0400

Received: from falcon.mail.pas.earthlink.net (falcon.mail.pas.earthlink.net
[207.217.120.74]) by rly-yc01.mx.aol.com (v79.20) with ESMTP id
MAILRELAYINYC12-0705004101; Thu, 05 Jul 2001 00:41:01 -0400

Received: from default (PPPa35-ResaleHutchinson1-2R7052.dialinx.net
[4.4.104.192])

by falcon.mail.pas.earthlink.net (EL-8_9_3_3/8.9.3) with SMTP id VAA03466
for <RangerSF5@aol.com>; Wed, 4 Jul 2001 21:41:00 -0700 (PDT)

Reply-To: <Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>

From: "Randall" <Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>

To: <RangerSF5@aol.com>

Subject: RE: My new EarthLink email address

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 23:39:22 -0500

Message-ID: <MABBKDBHIJCIGDIMOHOBEEHCAAA.Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

X-Priority: 3 (Normal)

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook IM0, Build 9.0.2416 (9.0.2910.0)

Importance: Normal
In-Reply-To: <fc.8955f30.28754763@aol.com>
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V5.50.4133.2400

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 04:33:31 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101564] Re: Contesting
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0107050408250.28300-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Computerised CW Machines, TACO Etc. Now we are talking something interesting. Yes, It is something Near Impossiable to reach. Or so they say, I wonder it Technology might be closer to the task today? Were that I was smart enough to be a programmer, I would jump at the Challenge.

Lots of hotrod hardware out here today. Surely some of the new kids can figure out how to make it work.

There have been a number of Hardware Units Developed to Copy CW, and other Digital modes with quite good success. Yes, Generally the Human would Beat them out for Solid copy under poor conditions. Still it is fun to watch thos words roll down the ticker tape or across the LCD display.

How many of you have one of those nifty little MFJ Code practice Boxes. I carry mine in the car for company on trips. One of those tape cassette adapters and I got CW Tunes on the Car Stereo.

Yes, Mobile CW is fun, but The MFJ also Fits in the pocket and Goes into the meeting with me. :^} Since I have two hearing aids, no one ever notices the wire coming out of one. :^}

It would be interesting to know if the Project has been abandoned or just put aside for a time.

We also happen to have much better Speech Recognition Software than anything available to the public ten years ago. Funny, I recall a Medical Speech to Text Program that was quite amazing, about ten years ago in fact. It was big bucks and Designed for Hospital Surgery Situations, I recall seeing the Demo at a Government Expo for FDA back then. There was also a Video Camera unit that could be guided by voice command and could take a picture (actually 3) of a Class Ring, Rotate it, enhance it and show you the inscription inside. We won't discuss cost :^}

The point is that things often are considered impossible until some one actually makes one....

If we all gave up so easily, We Would not have Telephone, Electricity, Radio, T.V., Air Transport, and a Thousand and One other things that we take for granted every day..

I say the next MicroSoft might be the kid down the street with an old 386 and the idea that he can make a "TACO" Totally Automatic Contest Operator". He will also likely become rich and famous in the process.

Oh would I love that to have been Little George. Maybe it is time to start working on the GrandChildren :^}

Surely they be smarter than I :^} Just ask them...

Sir George, The First :^}

72 ES

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 04:51:43 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tk@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101565] Re: 2 Mtr CW
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0107050433470.28300-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I like the #4. When the Repeater ID's. Only, Most Do not ID in CW, but actually MCW tone thru the FM Transmitter.

Least wise the one i used to fix all the time hat it that way.

I had a lot of fun sending Code Practice thru the Repeater with my Little HT and a little lashup to my CW Keyboard. A little gizwich box for transmit control and a Audio osc ckt keyed by the keyboard or straight key input.

I would think this a better choice for the Mountain Top Mini DX Pedition mentioned. A little MCW and One of those ARROW ANTENNA BEAMS. would be fun. I have a Nice Copper Pipe J-Pole that is kick butt on Two Meters.

I bet you I could Rig up a Couple of Sets of Arrows (Aluminum) to make the J-pole into a 3 element beam. One of the Antenna Handbooks has a nice Design. The only difference with mine is the unique Feed Connector. Oh Yes, and the American Flag that it Supports. Special Covenant Restriction Model. :^} I dare them to tell me No Flags allowed!

Ed, N5EM Described the ideal 2 Meter CW rig, Maybe he can pass those specs along to Norcal or Elecraft and we might see one at \$ 50-75 :^}

Yes, I did lower the price specification :^}

Or just sit tight a bit and we will likely see one from DL Land.

Or you can get some bits of Repeater Stuff out of QST and make your own.

Anyone ever figure a way to convert an Analog Cell Phone to Some useful Ham Band operation? So what QRPp. Lots of those babies going to the scrap pile every day. Surely there is more use than just 911 or smd parts.

Sir George, The First :^}

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 05:02:20 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: QRP List <grp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: Bruce KK7ZZ <kizerian@ced.utah.edu>
Subject: [101566] Re: Guitar or K2 ?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0107050451560.28300-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

>From the sound of your post, I would guess that you know how to use both.

It is really only a question of availability. I am reasonably sure that you can get a K2 later in the year or even next year. Probably not so, for the Guitar.

Faced with a decision to sell my UNBUILT K2 last week, I used similar reasoning. It is a matter of Priorities. Only YOU CAN DECIDE !

I am confident that I will be able to purchase another K2 Kit, hopefully sooner rather than later. But right now the roof on the house is a higher priority.

See how easy that was...

I did not make the choice for you, only showed you what I would have done, and in fact did...

GL es May you have years of pleasure with either Choice..

Sir George, The First :^}

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 06:36:05 -0400
From: <brownh@hartford-hwp.com>
To: tbry37@mediaone.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101567] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <200107051036.f65Aa5417126@hartford-hwp.com>

Hartford, the capitol of Connecticut has but one RS. It is an "express" store, which means they don't carry much and the staff (of one) was always hired the day before with no knowledge whatsoever of what the store carries. The main function of this tiny store seems to be to sell cell phones and batteries.

As for having to give your name, I always complained about it, and a couple years ago I was got the impression it had become optional. I found out by threatening to walk away from the sale if they insisted on my name, and was told that when it came right down to it, no name was required. Don't know if this is official policy or just a clerk taking liberties.

Now, when the original Radio Shack was in Scully Square (sp) across from the Old Howard (any old timers know what I'm referring to? ;-)) they had a lot of good mil. surplus stuff and was a joy to visit.

Haines KB1GRM

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 08:17:50 -0400
From: "Walt Amos" <k8cv@netzero.net>
To: "List Qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101568] Dipoles and Verticals
Message-ID: <000001c1053f\$022f0900\$5ced5aa6@NetZeroUser>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks:

If you have the room put them both up. :-)) Verticals work great on dx and have a close in skip zone. Dipoles work great close in and seem to have less skip zone and work poorly on DX. The dipole need height, some times hard to get, the vertical needs radials, some times a pain in the butt! Antennas are fun, cheap and easy to put up and take down, especially in the summer! Best

dumb overall antenna, 135 ' doublet up as high as you can get it feed with 450 ohm feed line and a balanced tuner (one with a balun) will do great for you. No room, go with a cheap HUSTLER 40 through 10 vertical, the thing may not be the best but it will NOT fold over in a wind or ice storm and just keep on going like the energizer bunny! :-) Works best elevated on a roof (garage) or on the ground if the wife insists! REMEMBER THE RADIALS though!! Those funny little radials are really needed.
Walt K8CV Royal Oak, MI

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 06:57:47 -0400
From: "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
To: K4BYF@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101569] Re: TT2
Message-ID: <3B44482B.5D312602@buttery.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

K4BYF@aol.com wrote:

>

> Does anyone have information on a companion receiver for the TT2 ? 73 de
> Jack, K4BYF

The original companion for the TT2 was the Herring-Aid 5. People have done updated versions of it; as with the TT2, the changes are mostly to use parts that are obtainable now, such as toroids rather than the modified Radio Shack inductors used in the original design. Some web links:

<http://www.fix.net/~jparker/norcal/hearingaid5/ha5.htm>
http://www.njqrp.org/tuna/herring_text.html

That being said, I haven't built one of those; instead, like N4UY, I built a Neophyte. In part, I chose it because I had a half-built one lying around the shack. It had been a Billerica Amateur Radio Club club project some years ago, and I had been at the first building session, where we put the parts on the circuit board, but missed the second building session where we were going to finish the things, and somehow never got around to finishing it myself. I had originally been building

it for 80 meters, so I had to remove a bunch of capacitors from the board and replace them with different ones; both sets had been provided in the kit that BARS used for the project. I then talked my XYL out of a beautiful saffron box (she buys the stuff by the ounce, and it comes in lovely metal containers), and installed the circuit board and the other parts in it. The saffron box makes a nice contract with the humble tuna can of the TT2. (I built one of those recently as well, from the latest version of the kit offered by the Ft. Smith QRP Club.)

The one part I didn't use from the kit was the provided tuning capacitor. I would have had to find some sort of reduction drive to make that one useable. I had one with a built-in reduction drive in my junkbox, which I had picked up years ago at some hamfest, and used that instead. The Neophyte schematic calls for a 365pf cap; by measuring it with the capacitance function of my DVM, I determined that sections 1 and 3 of my cap, in parallel, would be in the right neighborhood.

Anyhow, it came right up and worked immediately. It was off frequency when first powered up, but adjustment of the appropriate coil fixed that; after adjustment, the tuning range is just about exactly 7000-7300 KHz. I haven't done any formal measurement of its MDS, but it's sensitive enough to hear the noise floor of the band at my station, which is good enough.

After initial testing, I added a small circuit board with a 7806 regulator, so I could power it from the usual 12v station power, rather than having to keep a battery pack handy. I built that on a tiny leftover piece of Radio Shack perfboard. All that's on it is the regulator and the input and output capacitors.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 06:15:08 -0500
From: Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101570] Mosley TA36 rope
Message-ID: <3B444C3C.450D5EA9@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hello I have a Mosley TA36 6 element HF beam with the 40 meter add on kit the problem I am having is the rope that holds up the driven element has broke and it is the black UV rope, not supose to break but it did, does any one know of a rope that will last for 20 years or more that I can replace this with.

Thanks Wayne AA5JJ

PS is Mosley still in buisness cant find them on the internet ?

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 07:35:58 -0400
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
To: <aa5jj@swbell.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101571] Re: Mosley TA36 rope
Message-ID: <000a01c10546\$aa69e200\$5701b3d8@obvious>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mosley is very much still in business.

They have a website at: <http://www.mosley-electronics.com/>

73,
Dick K2JQ

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 07:39:36 -0700
From: "John Dorson" <JDORSON@worldshare.net>
To: <sjolin@swbell.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101572] Re: My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <007301c10560\$52bb7220\$f67c2526@atwork>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

i think it is someone that doesn't have a clue...

----- Original Message -----

From: "Dave Sjolín" <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 10:05 PM
Subject: Re: My new EarthLink email address

> Kennard wrote:

> >

> > Hi. I wanted to let you know that I've switched to EarthLink for my
Internet access, and I now have a new email address.

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> Who is this idiot and why should I care what his email address is. Ive
> received at least four announcements of this change in the last few
> days, three of them addressed directly to me. Is this spam from
> Earthlink or just someone that doesnt have a clue?
>
> 73 de Dave, N0IT
>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 07:43:40 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
To: ".G-QRP Club" <GQRP@egroups.com>, ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, ". NJ QRP-L" <njqrp@njqrp.org>, ". Eastern PA QRP Club" <epaqrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101573] June 2nd TAC Contest Logs Due
Message-ID: <005a01c10547\$bd695ba0\$7a0c5cd1@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello,

Well I know everyone is very busy and you might not have the time to send in your TAC Log entry. So I am going to make everyone an offer you can't refuse.

Please send in your TAC log to n3epa@fast.net and I will do the tally of your final score for you. :-) I know there were more than 22 stations in the contest and I would like to see more than 22 logs in the final count. As of this moment the DX field is wide open with No Entries. I also have only 2 entries in the QRPP class and the portable or tactical class is still very much open for a winner.

If you only made a few contacts, please send them in. The deadline for all entries is July 8, 2001.

Thanks,
72 & 73
Good DXing

Ron Polityka
n3epa@fast.net

vvv Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Web Page vvv

<http://www.n3epa.org>

Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Call
N3EPA E-mail address: n3epa@fast.net

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 07:01:04 -0500
From: Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101574] Re: Mosley TA36 rope **Found rope**
Message-ID: <3B445700.28BCB59E@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Found the rope I need

Wayne Williams wrote:

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> Thanks Wayne AA5JJ
>
> PS is Mosley still in buisness cant find them on the internet ?

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 07:55:53 -0700
From: Joseph Mikuckis <k3chp@erols.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101575] DX QSLs
Message-ID: <3B447FF8.8C812631@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For those who work DX and are looking for a way to improve their QSL
return, I have published a book which has ham sentences translated into
54 languages. If interested see the following web page:

<http://www.baltimoremd.com/userpages/DXQSLGUIDE.html>

Joe, K3CHP

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:15:56 -0400 (EDT)
From: Paul Mills <cybrinjn@gis.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU, brownh@hartford-hwp.com
Subject: [101576] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.20.0107050811470.291-100000@daystar.gis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001 brownh@hartford-hwp.com wrote:

> Now, when the original Radio Shack was in Scully Square (sp) across
> from the Old Howard (any old timers know what I'm referring to? ;-)

I was a bit too young, but I remember seeing their (the
Howard's) ads in the old Daily Record.

> Haines KB1GRM
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Paul KB1GEJ

<----c-y-b-r-i-n-j-n-@-g-i-s-.-n-e-t----<<<<<<<<

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:23:26 -0400
From: "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "pigs" <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>
Subject: [101577] Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <000901c1054d\$4b237480\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I did not know that. I KNEW there was more than one reason why I liked him.

Most excellent.

W4CGP SK - Here's to ya!

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INTO INFAMOUS AF4PS ATTIC DIPOLE
SOC #400 AND FLYING PIGS QRP #-57
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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:27:35 -0400
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: ae5x@qsl.net, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101578] More NO-feed line antenna. . . Re: Results - 40m + NVIS field trip to Wichita Mountains, Oklahoma
Message-ID: <20010705.082742.-200379.2.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
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>
>I've posted a short write-up and some photos of the trip on my page
>at: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x/wichita.html>
>
>John Harper AE5X
>Outdoor QRP: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>
>

OUTSTANDING, thank you John AE5X.

John
N3AAZ
FN 19 xa

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 08:35:13 -0400
From: "E. Roswell" <eroswell@monmouth.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101579] Re: Speaking of headphones
Message-ID: <3B445F01.33865D4A@monmouth.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My headphones are TRIMM COMMERCIAL,..look like the Trimm one illustrated on the left under the "T" page in the referenced collection web page. Black headband and work great on CW.
73, Ed, K2MGM

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 07:48:22 -0500
From: "Randall" <Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101580] RE: My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <MABBKDBHIJCIGDIMOHOBMENNCAAA.Firefox67501@Earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My sincere apologies to the list for the messages sent to a few or maybe all members on the list concerning my e-mail address change.
This action was part of the Earthlink installation software that automatically notifies everyone in a persons e-mail list to an address change.
The software was reloaded to change some settings and the action was repeated.

Again you all my deepest apology.....

Please have a nice day

Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2001 19:18:02 +0700
From: "Donny Sirait" <dsirait@centrin.net.id>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101581] W4CGP any member of this list have a CW qso with him??
Message-ID: <000401c10557\$a471ce60\$5cf992ca@donnysirait>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear Folks,
Just like to know whether any of this list member had a
QSO with the late Chet Atkin W4CGP not sure whether he
works CW but I'm sure he have the basic ability to be a
CW expert due to his musical ability.

vy 72 de YB1BOD
Donny

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 09:39:37 EDT
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101582] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <c5.12fe5020.2875c819@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Radio Shack!
You got questions, we got blank stares!

72, oo
Dan, N8IE

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:42:24 -0400
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101583] The small stuff
Message-ID: <20010705.094345.-200379.3.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
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Take a deep breath and think about this . . .

Fill a large empty mayonnaise jar with rocks.
Then ask your self if the jar is full?

Then pick up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. Shake the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, roll into the open areas between the rocks. Then ask again if the jar is full.

Now pour beach sand and shake the jar. Of course, the sand fills up everything else.

Now, recognize that this mayonnaise jar is your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children, your friends - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car, your radio, your e-mail.

The sand is everything else. The small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that really matter.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Teach your children to sail, fish and play ham radio. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner to dinner. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, re-grease the wenchies, and fix the boat bottom.

Do all agree the jar is full?

Well, no, not yet . . .
Next, pour water into the jar.

What is the moral of this tale . . .
Take care of rocks first and the rest is just sand? No.

No matter how full your life,
there is always room for
one more thing.

John

N3AAZ
FM 19 xa

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:48:39 -0500
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'Joe Reed'" <joe@n9jr.dyndns.org>, "Kanalz, Karl"
<Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101584] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
Message-ID:
<E78D8A9D6762D411B5440008C791D4AA04A49C6A@dfwex03.allegiancetelecom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"

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DX possible with low power (like the California-to-Hawaii contacts on
2M), but those are verrrry few and verrrrry far between.

I stand by my original statement - CW on two meters is worthless ex-
cept under the instances I mentioned.

Karl K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Reed [SMTP:joe@n9jr.dyndns.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 11:32 AM
To: Kanalz, Karl
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!

I have to disagree Karl, I often hear stations at other times when
stations are trying to work the limits of scatter at night. Absent any
contest, MS event, AU, or other event that will drive increased activity.

On Tue, 3 Jul 2001, Kanalz, Karl wrote:

> True, Joe, "DX'ers" do use CW a lot, but ONLY when there are
> activities going on as described in my original message.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:57:26 -0500
From: George F Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101585] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <20010705.085727.-981481.1.w0av@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gentlemen:

I have dealt with various RS stores for about 40 years.

With RS, as with many other enterprises, the local manager's policies and direction of his/her sales staff usually determine the degree of customer satisfaction (or dissatisfaction).

My experience with my local RS has been entirely satisfactory for a number of years. My favorite manager has just been transferred to another RS store in the area. It remains to be seen whether or not my "favorite" RS will continue his tradition. Preliminary reports seem to indicate that it will not.

As for identification problems, I always use my RS charge card which eliminates a lot of useless conversation and has occasionally given me some special deals.

RS certainly is not perfect, but it has been of great benefit to my small 2-way radio business as well as my ham activities.

Apologies for the BW, but I did want to make a positive contribution, based on my personal experiences.

72/63/74 de George/W0AV

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:54:09 -0500
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'Bill ROWLETT'" <kc4atu@yahoo.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-

l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [101586] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!

Message-ID:

<E78D8A9D6762D411B5440008C791D4AA04A49C6B@dfwex03.allegiancetelecom.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

I didn't make a sweeping, generalized statement, Bill, but tell us (or at least me) just *how many* CW contacts did you have ton 6, 2 or 70cms over say, a one-year time span? How many of those contacts were not pre-arranged by either you or your local ham club organization? How many were truly "random" as you tuned the bottom end of those VHF bands (other than, for example, during contests)?

I have not experienced enough activity on 2M or 70cm CW activity to make the endless hours of tuning up and down the CW portion (even using a beacon mode) to make it worth the cost of electricity to recharge batteries!

Karl K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill ROWLETT [SMTP:kc4atu@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 11:37 AM

To: Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com; Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!

Karl and all who are intereasted,

Plse. don't make 2 meter cw sound lake a waste of time. From someone who has spent many a night in qso on 2m, 70cm & 6m cw, the vhf bands are alive and well at times other than the ones you state.

At least 10 to 25 watts to a small gain ant.(boom length of 4 to 6 feet) should provide many a mountain top contact. They work well from the fixed qth also.

True, the bands are not wall to wall people, but qso's can be made.

73 Bill

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:09:25 -0400
From: "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101587] Cheap hookup wire
Message-ID: <3B447515.AEC1EE97@buttery.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've never heard of anyone else doing this, so I thought I'd post...

I have recently been using a really inexpensive source of hookup wire: Category 5 LAN cable. You can often get spool/box ends from network installers for free; once they're down below 50 or 100 feet on the spool (depending on the length of the runs they're pulling), they usually throw away the leftover cable. If you have to resort to buying the stuff, it can often be found for 5 cents a foot or less at hamfests. There are both solid and stranded wire versions, but the stranded wire doesn't show up often as raw cable (the stranded wire is used for the connection between the wall jack and your computer, and most LAN installers buy pre-made cables for that), and is more expensive to buy new.

LAN cable comes in regular PVC jacket (cheap, easy to strip) and plenum (high temperature insulation made for installing in air ducts, more expensive, harder to strip) versions. Early plenum cable had Teflon insulation, both the outer jacket and the insulation on the individual wires; alas, most of the stuff made now doesn't. (I'm not sure what they're using, but it isn't Teflon.) If you're paying, you'll want the PVC for most purposes; if you're getting it for free, either will do.

Once you remove the outer jacket, you discover four color-coded twisted pairs of #24 wire. Each pair has a colored wire (red, blue, green, brown), and a white wire (usually with colored stripes matching its pairmate). Pairs are what you need much of the time, so you're all set; if you need a single wire, you'll have to untwist a pair to get it.

#24 wire is small; it's not suitable for all purposes. But it does the trick for most internal wiring in rigs, especially QRP rigs, though you'll want larger wire for the main power and antenna connections in transmitters. One or two feet of cable will provide enough wire for most

simple projects, so your 50 or 100 foot leftover spool of cable will last a long time.

There are lots of other uses for LAN cable. You can use it (intact) for hooking up telephones, antenna control boxes, and so forth. Or you could install a home LAN...

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:14:03 EDT
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101588] 4401 vs 2222A
Message-ID: <fe.8994612.2875d02b@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi guys,

I bungled up a 2N4401 while building a prototype for a friend (installed it backwards--definitely bush league, even though I caught it immediately) and destroyed it removing it. I have a surfeit of 2N222As in stock, but no 4401s. These are for small signal use, of course. Is it likely that I can get away substituting a 2N222A in place of the 4401? Aren't the characteristics very similar (as I recall?).
Suggestions? Thanks, guys.

Preston WJ2V

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:20:57 -0700
From: "Dan Evans" <n9rla@yahoo.com>
To: <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101589] Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
Message-ID: <001901c1056e\$7a7c6a40\$0101a8c0@danevans>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> DX possible with low power (like the California-to-Hawaii contacts on
> 2M), but those are verrrry few and verrrrry far between> Karl K - W8TIF
> McKinney, Texas
Which is what makes it interesting! It wouldn't be nearly the challenge if

you could do it anytime. I've used 5 watts and a dipole, and worked hundreds of miles. And other times I was lucky to get the next grid with 100 watts and a beam. Challenge.

73
Dan

Dan Evans N9RLA
444 Lynhurst dr.
Scottsburg, IN 47170
{EM78}
IN-Ham list administrator
QRP-1 #1269
1/2 of the N9RLA /R no budget Rover Team
Check out the Rover Resource Page at:
<http://www.qsl.net/n9rla>

----- Original Message -----

From: Kanalz, Karl <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 6:48 AM
Subject: RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:26:19 -0400
From: John Wagner <john@neknetwork.com>
To: PDouglas12@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101590] Re: 4401 vs 2222A
Message-ID: <3B44790B.4BDD0AF2@neknetwork.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've been using the Phillips Semiconductor site to look this stuff up;

<http://www.semiconductors.philips.com/>

<http://www.semiconductors.philips.com/pip/2n4401>

http://www.semiconductors.philips.com/pip/2n2222_cnv_2

73 de John, KB1ENS

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> Preston WJ2V

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John Wagner - john@neknetwork.com

Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:24:27 -0400
From: adamvaz@palm.net (Adam Vazquez)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101591] Re: Speaking of headphones
Message-ID: <GG080R00.VDX@mo110usjc.palm.net>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello de Adam Kb2jpd

My favorite headphones surprisingly enough are not communications
headphones.

I use Koss PortaPro stereophones with my MFJ DSP box and SG-2020(now
ADSP).The PortaPro is small, lightweight, and provides no coloration to
the audio. MSRP \$39.95 Same design since 1982.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 09:23:11 -0500
From: "Ed Manuel (N5EM)" <n5em@flash.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101592] CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? I'm not :-)
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.2.20010705090740.00c12a60@pop.flash.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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>for example, during contests)?

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:29:36 -0500

From: Scott McCullough <mcwood@cornhusker.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101593] RE: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <200107051429.JAA09161@go.bigred.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I still like Radio Shack. They are a CONSUMER electronics store.=
I don't expect them to be any more than that.

We have a small RS store here in our town of 3,500. They don't=
stock everything, but there have been many times that I was glad=
they are here and did happen to have what I needed.

The owner of our local store is a grumpy old man. Is that Radio=
Shack's fault? No, it's just that a grumpy old man got a Radio=
Shack dealership.

I'm going to a much larger town about 1.5 hours away this=
afternoon (to take my 9 mo. old son to a specialist). I'll=
probably stop at their "real" RS and be even happier that I can=
pick up a few things without having to order and pay \$8.00=
shipping and handling on a few small things.

When RS is the ONLY place you have to pick up electronic related=
items, It's also the best choice and I'm glad that small town=
like ours can have one. It's all perspective.

In our town, I don't have to give my name because they know me=
(and everyone else). But when I go to another RS and they ask=
for my name, I tell them. I didn't realize that it was that big=
of a deal. I guess I that I have much bigger things in my life=
to stress over (like my son's seizures) than if Radio Shack=
knows my name or not . . .

Scott
NBOW

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:36:18 US/Eastern
From: n2cx@voicenet.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Cc: david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com, n2cx@voicenet.com, njqrp@njqrp.org
Subject: [101594] Re: New Pole at Cabela's - update
Message-ID: <200107051436.f65EaIT36244@nss4.cc.lehigh.edu>

Group,

Back on June 12, Dave Gauding posted news of a new small pole from our favorite fishing pole/antenna mast supplier (New Pole at Cabela's & New SLVV (long).)

Today I finally got around to ordering one. Alas while they do carry them, apparently everyone else on qrp-l got to them first! They are on backorder with an expected receipt date to them of Aug 10. Presumably they will then ship to customers shortly thereafter.

Once again I am living proof that it doesn't pay to put things off!

Seriously though, I am very pleased that Dave shared the info with us. I intend to make up an SLVV as soon as I get the pole. I had the pleasure to try out the predecessor SLPV at Field Day last year and enjoyed the form factor and performance. The new pole eliminates all the work of fabricating the mast from kite rods.

Hmmm, I'll bet it will be handy to hang out a hotel window, too!

Keep up the good work, Dave,

72/73,

Joe E.,
N2CX

This message was sent using Voicenet WebMail.
<http://www.voicenet.com/webmail/>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:38:35 -0400
From: "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101595] Re: Power supply
Message-ID: <04a601c10560\$2fef290\$5e35f2d8@juan>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Tnx very much to all who advice on the subject.

Now I have a 3rd player, the Astron PS.

AGN, TNX es 72

Juan - KG4FSN

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:30:19 -0500
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'n5em@flash.net'" <n5em@flash.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101596] CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
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Exactly correct, Edderd! The magic word is "IF"

IF, for example, a frog had wings, he wouldn't bump his butt! If this and if that are all true and most times, a vicious circle. Inexpensive CW rigs for 2M (or any other band, for that matter) and some pushing from QRP or club groups *might* get activity started, but I wonder how long it would be sustained before withering on the vine (so-to-speak)? I've been involved in such projects in the past, and I've observed that the project often starts off with a bang and within a year, has folded. There are probably as many reasons for the failure as there were users of 2M CW (like the recipe for Mexican salsa); undoubtedly, there were CW operators who wanted to work a lot farther than a 50-mile radius from home (40M with a simpler rig and antenna is an ideal replacement for 2M CW), still others who tired of talking to "the same ol' bunch of guys I've worked twenty times before...." and so on.....

This does not mean to say that occasional DX contacts can be made with low-power CW on VHF, but those times are few and far, far between!

As you correctly point out, Europe is a whole 'nother matter, Ed.. I've lived there and operated there and the approach and useage of 2M is totally different from the United States!

Karl K - W8TIF
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From: "Glenn Butzlaff" <gbutzlaff@wi.rr.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101597] Re: The small stuff
Message-ID: <004501c1055f\$3b7463c0\$fcabd1d41@wi.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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----- Original Message -----
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 8:42 AM
Subject: The small stuff

stuff snipped

> Take a deep breath and think about this . . .
> No matter how full your life,
> there is always room for
> one more thing.
>
> John
> N3AAZ
> FM 19 xa

I know that if I tried to stick another rock into my jar, the jar would definitely break, and the few marbles that I keep in the jar would roll away.

Glenn Butzlaff, WE9K

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 09:47:31 -0500
From: Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101598] Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
Message-ID: <3B447E03.F39A953F@swbell.net>
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"Kanalz, Karl" wrote:

>
> How many were truly "random" as you
> tuned the bottom end of those VHF bands (other than,
> for example, during contests)?

I've made probably seventy or more unscheduled, non-contest two meter CW qso's over the past year from here in St. Louis and I don't get on all that often. Will admit that I made 55-60 of these over two days during very intense Aurora. All contacts were made with an eggbeater (zero gain) antenna up fifteen feet and 170 watts.

> I have not experienced enough activity on 2M or 70cm
> CW activity to make the endless hours of tuning up and
> down the CW portion (even using a beacon mode) to
> make it worth the cost of electricity to recharge batteries!

You are not likely to find any activity on CW at the bottom of the band. It occurs on the same frequencies as SSB. Most CW cq's are found on or near 144.200 mhz. Only those involved in EME operate CW below 144.1.

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:01:50 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [101599] July 4th
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0107050900390.11191-1000000@neale.gpfn.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Happy July 4th to everyone celebrating the day from everyone on QRP-CANADA!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
K2#2032 A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -
"QRP! How sweet it is!" oo#148 "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:04:11 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
To: PDouglas12@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101600] Re: 4401 vs 2222A
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10107050841490.6263-1000000@shell.rt66.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001 PDouglas12@aol.com wrote:

> Hi guys,
> ... Is it likely that I can get away substituting a 2N2222A in place
> of the 4401? Aren't the characteristics very similar (as I recall?).
> Suggestions? Thanks, guys.

Preston, and others,
The 2N2222 and 2N4401 are virtually identical in their specifications, and thus fully interchangeable. Not only because the spec sheets say so, but from personal experience. I bought a bag of 200 2N4401's for a buck and I've been living off of them for 2-3 years. I have carefully compared the differences in several receivers I've built between the two and it's very subtle. And this is using them for the RF amplifier, an active mixer arrangement and IF amplifier (not just the T-R switch or something). I made comparisons between the 2N4401, 2N2222A (both plastic and metal-can versions), 2N2219, several MPS varieties and the 2N918/MPS918. Very little differences between them all, except ...

2N2219 - kinda noisy and a bit anemic for gain >10MHz.
MPS918 - remains my favorite "hot" transistor for HF work.
2N2222A (metal can) produces the lowest noise figure in mixer designs.

You should see no differences substituting the 2N2222 for your blown 2N4401.

GL, Paul NA5N

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:04:16 -0500
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [101601] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
Message-ID: <3B4481F0.D20B1E0D@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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"Kanalz, Karl" wrote:

> Inexpensive CW rigs for 2M (or any other band, for
> that matter) and some pushing from QRP or club groups
> *might* get activity started, but I wonder how long it would
> be sustained before withering on the vine (so-to-speak)?

It depends on your rules for success. If you feel that you have to find someone to talk to every night or every other night and you prefer to talk to new people, perhaps this is not for you. However, if you are like most on VHF/UHF who spend more time monitoring the bands then it might be a worthwhile addition.

Build the two meter rig and get operational. Work the locals. Then leave the rig on to monitor for activity or band openings. Get on frequently and send a few CQ's. You never know. Also if you have qrp buddies near by you can get together on two rather than utilize spectrum say on 40 where most of the country will hear you.

I run 170 watts on two but use a very small, non-gain antenna at low height and I can work 200 miles or so virtually all the time. Those of you who can manage a medium size beam at 30 or 40 feet fed with low loss 9913 or whatever should be able to the same with five or ten watts.

If you were around during the 60's, recall the sixers and twoers. Plenty of people used these simple, low power AM rigs. Lets not count it out.

Enough of my ramblings.
73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:06:50 -0600
From: "Rod Cerkoney, N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101602] Summary and Conclusions: Re: 2m CW rig?
Message-ID: <007301c10564\$1ea9d680\$6401a8c0@c919125b>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rod Cerkoney, N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 8:10 AM

Subject: 2m CW rig?

> I thought it might be fun to try 2m from some of the Mt. tops around
> here. I'd like to build a 2m CW monoband rig. Can anybody direct me
to
> plans for a good XCVR?

Well I certainly opened the proverbial can-o-worms with this topic.

Let me summarize then it's time to put this thread to rest.

RIGS

I was hoping to find something about the size of a NorCal 20,
0-2W...etc. My idea is to _HIKE_ up to some mountain peaks and work
with a small beam like those offered by Arrow Antenna.

Many of the suggestions got way to involved for a hiker heading up to
+10k feet! Good ideas for home based stations though.

Two ideas that did come forward: The 2m SSB/CW kit from the German
QRP Project, a bit more ambitious and costly than I'm currently
interested in. And, the Ten-tec transverter usable with my K2, K2
transverter, antenna, batteries...heavy, but doable, maybe a good 2
man
operation.

-BLUE SKY-I've taken an HT up to 10k ft and hit repeaters ~50-100
miles away with a rubber duck. So, I reasoned a 2W, 2m CW rig, with a
3 or 4 element portable beam from Arrow should get contacts out to 100
mi or more. Somebody mentioned the notion that a small SM kit would
be a great club project. I agree, maybe one day TAPRs will have
something. Remember the key here is LIGHT WEIGHT and battery
friendly!!!

CW ON 2M

Things got emotional as folks argued opposite sides of the question.
Let's leave it at CW is MORE LIKELY during contests...etc (not unlike

the HF band HUH?) but LESS LIKELY during other times. Please let's not get another "tastes great", "less filling" argument going on this topic. It's been beat to death over and over.

OPERATIONS

I don't expect to earn WAS, DXCC...in a few hours with the setup I envision, just have a little fun. In fact if/when I do such a thing, I'd do it in conjunction with an event like ARS's "Top of the World". Or, I might just "spot" myself to see what happens.

OR-maybe, try to get a localized FOX hunt kinda thing started.

OK that's a wrap. Time to put the 2M CW rig discussion into retirement.

Retorts, complaints, flames...etc. to ME DIRECTLY please, not the list.

73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

SuperFest 2001 14-Jul-2001
<http://www.qsl.net/n0rc/hamfest/hamfest.html>
BE THERE!

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 15:11:22 +0000
From: Bill Walker <kd7jzb@mindspring.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101603] Re: My new EarthLink email address
Message-ID: <01070515095400.01229@deneb.localdomain>
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

If I were you Randall, I would not worry about it.
People all too often fall prey to idiotic marketing/software tactics.

72,

On Thursday 05 July 2001 12:48 pm, you wrote:

> My sincere apologies to the list for the messages sent to a few or maybe
> all members on the list concerning my e-mail address change.
> This action was part of the Earthlink installation software that
> automatically notifies everyone in a persons e-mail list to an address
> change.
> The software was reloaded to change some settings and the action was
> repeated.
>
> Again you all my deepest apology.....
>
> Please have a nice day

--

Bill Walker - KD7JZB
<http://www.qsl.net/kd7jzb/>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:13:20 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: k3tks@u1.abs.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101604] Re: Contesting
Message-ID: <3B448410.D6250EC@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I guess I enjoy techie stuff as much as - probably more, according to my wife! - the next guy. But, I am missing a point here: WHY?

Granted that it is feasible, possible, practical and inevitable that we can build a completely automatic amateur radio contest operating station.

WHY?

Strikes me as making about as much sense as developing a completely automatic golf cart that will traverse the course, tee off, drive/chip to the green, and sink the putt. And do it 18 times without fail or error, preferably a programmable number of strokes under par for the course.

WHY?

I guess some folks would like to sit back in the shade and watch "it" work for them and then later stroll up to the awards stand and claim their trophy for "winning" the tournament.

Yep, I must be missing something here . . .

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

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Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

George Gingell wrote:

>
> Computerised CW Machines, TACO Etc. Now we are talking something
> interesting. Yes, It is something Near Impossible to reach. Or so they
> say, I wonder if Technology might be closer to the task today? Were that
> I was smart enough to be a programmer, I would jump at the Challenge.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:57:21 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101605] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <005701c10564\$8e014180\$4206d10a@endpoints.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Radio Shack!
> You got questions, we got blank stares!

WOW!!! We REALLY needed to see THAT post in our inboxes!!!

Mike

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:18:07 EDT
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101606] 2N222A vs 2N4401
Message-ID: <e5.897ad41.2875df2f@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Guys,

In less than a half hour, I've gotten advice from the "pros" and an offer for a handful of 4401's. The advice is that I can freely substitute the 2222s, and I'm going to do it that way. Thanks to you all. Great bunch.

72,

Preston WJ2V

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:24:08 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: k8cv@netzero.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101607] Re: Dipoles and Verticals
Message-ID: <3B448698.78223836@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just one suggestion, Walt:

Stretch that 135 ft doublet to 178 ft, even if you have to bend or fold the ends a little.

What do you get?

1. Rid of 90% of the tuning problems associated with resonant/harmonic antenna lengths that make for difficult tuning situations with certain t-line lengths
2. About 3 db gain on 40 meters for free, plus a MUCH easier loading situation on 40.

I am sold on non-resonant multi-band antennas!

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Walt Amos wrote:

>
> Folks:
Best
> dumb overall antenna, 135 ' doublet up as high as you can get it feed with
> 450 ohm feed line and a balanced tuner (one with a balun) will do great
> for you.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 11:27:18 -0400
From: "Craig A. Ferris" <cferris@aeronix.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101608] FS:Varactors BB204B update
Message-ID: <3B448755.D5555F7E@aeronix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Shipping starts today. Still have a good supply of these.....

BB204B dual common cathode in a to-92 package. Typical value of
60pF@0.8v and 25pF@8v. Same spec as mv104 that Dan's sells for \$1.65.
10/\$3 30/\$7 100/\$20 shipped.

72,
Craig NR4E
Melbourne, FL

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 15:25:49 -0000
From: "Dennis Ponsness" <wb0wao@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101609] Re: Summary and Conclusions: Re: 2m CW rig?
Message-ID: <F152nRMWuLn5U9T3TGJ00020b7c@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I hope that some group will develop and kit a rig like was described - I
know I would get one. Oh, and by the way, whatever group does kit one,
better do up a bunch of them, VHF/UHF weak sig ops will buy them like crazy
to use for beacons and drivers for transverters! I would estimate that for
every QRP op that bought one, 2 or 3 would go to VHF/UHF weak sig ops!

Dennis Ponsness - WB0WAO
EN84ij Iosco Cty, Mich.

WAC WAS DXCC VUCC WPX
NJ-QRP #329

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:30:58 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: brownh@hartford-hwp.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101610] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B448832.A37F0A20@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Spent many a Saturday morning there back in the mid-50's while in grad school. While they had a little surplus, the jewel was a little hole in the wall shop right next door that had the "real" stuff! Remember?

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brownh@hartford-hwp.com wrote:

> Now, when the original Radio Shack was in Scully Square (sp) across
> from the Old Howard (any old timers know what I'm referring to? ;-)
> they had a lot of good mil. surplus stuff and was a joy to visit.
>
> Haines KB1GRM

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 09:34:47 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Jeff Davis <n9avg@home.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101611] Re: Electric Fuel
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0107050919090.1710-100000@localhost.localdomain>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Jeff, I went to the web page, thanks, and d/l some technical papers that have been delivered on the Zinc-Air battery. This battery is a "fuel cell" in NASA language, and it consists of an acid and elemental Zinc. As the Zinc combines with O₂ in the air, it produces a potential difference between the Zinc center and the steel outside of the cell.

These cells can be recharged at a center using electricity as fuel. A good battery that has been under development in Germany and Israel for 5 years. You can buy them at Wal Mart now.

The Wal Mart Battery is designed to charge a device's battery while camping or on an airplane. The actual cell is a throw away device and you can get a refill for like \$9.00.

At this time I have zero experience with this fuel cell, but it looks pretty good for a QRP outing.

On Wed, 4 Jul 2001, Jeff Davis wrote:

> Folks.

>

> I have been off the list for several weeks so please ignore this and accept
> my mea culpas in advance if this has already been thrashed to death.

>

> I recently received info on this product and while the info is specifically
> for Palm and other portable computing devices, I figure it might raise a few
> eyebrows in the QRP community:

>

> June 25, 2001 - Electric Fuel Corporation (Nasdaq: EFCX) today announced
> that its Instant Power Charger is now being released for the new generation
> of PDAs, including the HP Jornada series, Casio PDA series, Palm m500/m505
> and HandspringT VisorT Edge, as well as the Novatel Minstrel S wireless
> modems for Handspring and HP PDAs. Models are also available for the Palm V
> series, Compaq iPAQ Pocket PCs, Handspring's Visor Prism handheld computer
> and Handspring's VisorPhoneT, Novatel Minstrel V wireless modems, and dozens
> of mobile phones.

> Each \$19.95 (MSRP) package includes a 2" x 2" zinc-based PowerCartridgeT
> that is activated when exposed to air, a special SmartCordT adapter that
> connects the universal cartridge to the specific PDA model, and an airtight
> pouch designed to store the cartridge between uses in order to halt the
> chemical reaction and thereby preserve power for the next use.

>

> Together, the cartridge and cord weigh less than three ounces and plug
> directly into the PDA for use on a plane, the street, or anywhere else an
> electrical outlet is not readily available. Each cartridge is good for up to
> three charges and hours of operation. Replacement cartridges are sold

> separately for \$9.95 (MSRP).
>
> <http://www.electric-fuel.com>
>
> I don't work for them, buy their stock, wear their t-shirts, etc. all the
> usual disclaimers, yaddi-yaddi-yaddi
>
> 72 de Jeff, N9AVG
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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:34:29 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: w0av@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101612] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B448905.C22CE35D@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Speaking of charge cards, George, I always pay for stuff at RS by card.
When I walk up to the cashier with my stack of stuff, I first hand him the
card. The card plainly carries my full name, as it legally must.

What is the first question I am asked as the clerk stands there holding the
card without ever looking at it?

"And you name is . . .?"

I rest my case.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

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George F Franklin wrote:

> As for identification problems, I always use my RS charge card which
> eliminates a lot of useless conversation and has occasionally given me
> some special deals.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 11:42:28 -0400
From: "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
To: w5yr@att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101613] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B448AE4.C50015FE@buttery.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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"George, W5YR" wrote:

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> card. The card plainly carries my full name, as it legally must.
>
> What is the first question I am asked as the clerk stands there holding the
> card without ever looking at it?
>
> "And you name is . . .?"

On the other hand, at least they don't just automatically harvest your name and address from the credit card info, like some stores do. There are places where the mere act of making a purchase means that you start getting junk mail from them. Radio Shack doesn't sell your data to anyone else, either, so the only mail you get as a result of giving them data is Radio Shack flyers. So, all in all, I'm happy with their policies, and I don't mind giving them my name.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 08:44:23 -0700 (PDT)
From: Norman Young <norman_y@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101614] RE:
Message-ID: <20010705154423.35577.qmail@web11607.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Randy and the group,

I have virtually the same experience every time I go into a RS for the first time. I don't think it is a matter of pushy sales people as much as it is a matter of loss prevention. These stores have a lot of high dollar-small consumer items that are a favorite of shoplifters, and I suspect that all sales personnel are instructed to to ask to assist as a matter of politeness, and to keep their eyes open.

I have two favorite RS's that I use, and the folks in both know me now. (The manager of one is a ham, too.)

That was not always the case. First few times in both, was like the first time in most any RS. However, I always make it a point to spend a little bit of time talking to the sales people, telling them what I am looking for and what I want to do with it, even when I can find the part much faster than their newest sales people. (I almost always have the catalog and page number written down when I go in anyway.)

I suspect that the reason we don't experience the constant supervision at most parts outlets is that they probably are not as likely to have shoplifters there.

I have used RS for years, and I have gotten good stuff from them as well as not so good. Same thing with the parts places. However, aside from the fact that I can go into my favorite stores and browse pretty much unmolested now, I generally try to support them when it makes sense to do so, because I like having a nearby parts source, and without the demand, the parts won't be stocked. The in-store parts selection is decreasing, perhaps in part because experimenters are looking elsewhere, or maybe because there is less demand for parts. In any case, I am sure RS can make more money in the same amount of retail space by selling phones, stereos or computers.

This is not by any means an unqualified endorsement of RS (I don't have any interest in doing so and other standard disclaimers), but only a suggestion that while they don't carry all the stuff hams want or

need, and they don't always speak our language, they are convenient for some things. You take the good with the bad, I suppose.

72,
Norman
KA4PUV

Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 17:56:07 -0500

From: Randy & Cara Randall

<SNIP>

Well I am 15 min to the closest RatShack Dealer as the town is too small for RS to bother putting a factory store here. I was at the place yesterday looking for a mini 8 adapter for a PL259. I was accosted with "My I help you find something?" " No I've got it. " and I proceeded to look at the peg board. No more than 30 seconds elapsed and the sales drone said " If you would tell me what you want I could help you " in a terse voice. If I didn't need the part and it wasn't another 35 min. away from the next closest store, I'd told him to stick his attitude and his part. So I told him what I was looking for. He proceeded to the computer section looking for some unknown adapter. " No what I am looking for is a RF adapter like you would use for a CB. " dunning it down for him. Then the light bulb flashed on dimly. He went to the right section but still had no idea what I wanted. I grabbed the part and checked out.

<SNIP>

Do You Yahoo!?
Get personalized email addresses from Yahoo! Mail
<http://personal.mail.yahoo.com/>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:56:29 -0400
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101615] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <009301c1056b\$0e619400\$6401a8c0@tci.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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If this is going to continue to be Radio Shack's policy, it would be great if they embraced a "frequent purchaser" card which could be issued once at the point of sale (similar to public library cards & Blockbuster Video), which contained your name and address information and thus no more need to ask!

Subsequent purchases could be obtained from the card with discounts offered after "X" number of purchases or dollar amount. They could partner-up with the Cell/PCS service providers and use it as a pre-paid cellular services card as well. When the balance drops, you can visit your nearest Radio Shack store or transfer balances on-line at their web site into your card's account. While the customer is at the store, there's an opportunity for additional purchases, which in turn translates into more opportunities for "frequent purchaser" discounts. The cost of issuing and managing the cards cannot be too cumbersome or costly, especially in light of every Blockbuster doing it now.

-Paul, W9AC

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark J. Dulcey" <mark@buttery.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 11:42 AM
Subject: Re: Radio Shack

> "George, W5YR" wrote:

> >

> > Speaking of charge cards, George, I always pay for stuff at RS by card.

> > When I walk up to the cashier with my stack of stuff, I first hand him the

> > card. The card plainly carries my full name, as it legally must.

> >

> > What is the first question I am asked as the clerk stands there holding the

> > card without ever looking at it?

> >

> > "And you name is . . .?"

>

> On the other hand, at least they don't just automatically harvest your
> name and address from the credit card info, like some stores do. There
> are places where the mere act of making a purchase means that you start
> getting junk mail from them. Radio Shack doesn't sell your data to
> anyone else, either, so the only mail you get as a result of giving them
> data is Radio Shack flyers. So, all in all, I'm happy with their
> policies, and I don't mind giving them my name.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:47:30 -0500
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'gbutzlauff@wi.rr.com'" <gbutzlauff@wi.rr.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio
Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101616] RE: The small stuff
Message-ID:
<E78D8A9D6762D411B5440008C791D4AA04A49C71@dfwex03.allegiancetelecom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Instead of water, try using beer..... remember, there's
always room for beer! (At least, that's what they say
in Arkansas!)

Karl K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Butzlauff [SMTP:gbutzlauff@wi.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 9:32 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: The small stuff

----- Original Message -----

From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 8:42 AM
Subject: The small stuff

stuff snipped

> Take a deep breath and think about this . . .

> No matter how full your life,
> there is always room for
> one more thing.
>
> John
> N3AAZ
> FM 19 xa

I know that if I tried to stick another rock into my jar, the jar would definitely break, and the few marbles that I keep in the jar would roll away.

Glenn Butzlaff, WE9K

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:52:32 -0400
From: "Mike Yetzsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w5yr@att.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101617] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <001101c1056a\$8659f840\$4206d10a@endpoints.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> The card plainly carries my full name, as it legally must.

Actually, no. You can get a charge card with almost anything on it you wish. As long as there is 'no intent to defraud'.

Just think of the 'corporate' cards... No, not the ones that are 'sponsored', but actually corporate cards that charge directly. Not too common, but their out there.

Mike

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:03:27 -0400
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101618] Re: Radio Shack

Message-ID: <00a401c1056c\$07f9c1e0\$6401a8c0@tci.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George may be correct in that the requirements under the law may vary from state-to-state and it most certainly varies as a matter of policy among the manner credit card issuers.

-Paul, W9AC

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 11:52 AM
Subject: Re: Radio Shack

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> it you wish. As long as there is 'no intent to defraud'.
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> 'sponsored', but actually corporate cards that charge directly.
> Not too common, but their out there.
>
> Mike
>
>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 12:02:17 -0400
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101619] Radio Shack debate
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010705115316.00ab3aa0@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

{ resisted getting into this thread for 2 days but ran out of willpower.
The nearest Shack here is run very well by a Ham operator and
the Denny's across the street has a wonderful breakfast, :-)
One thing I'm curious about.....what are the complainers asking about
and why are they asking if they are so knowledgable?

73 to all
Pete NV4V Kentucky

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 01:41:01 -0400
From: "ZOOM" <kandrparker@sympatico.ca>
To: <w6toy@erols.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101620] Re: %20Radio%20Shack
Message-ID: <000b01c10515\$134007a0\$3294fea9@robertpa>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well those little mailers do not come out here! RS here is Ontario at least does not send out mailers anymore.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bruce Muscolino" <w6toy@erols.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 2:38 AM
Subject: Re: %20Radio%20Shack

> Daniel.
>
> It seems some of you are confused by Radio Shack's request for your name
> and address. It is really an integral part of their business
> philosophy. By getting your name and address they can maintain a
> mailing list that is more specific to the store and also your
> purchases. Those ubiquitous little mailers come to your house because
> you gave them your name and address. Where would they send them if they
> didn't have your name and address? That's right, to the dead letter
> office. Their business would probably suffer and they might eventually
> go out of business. Then where would you get parts in a hurry? I've
> never had a problem saying "not this time" over a 79 cent purchase.
> They've never had a problem with it either!
>
> 73

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:10:54 EDT
From: NB6M@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Cc: manager@astro.cc.lehigh.edu
Subject: [101621] Getting only about half of the posts
Message-ID: <67.166022fb.2875eb8e@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang,

I am on AOL, and I deliberately stuck with version 5.0 so I would have no trouble posting to the list.

No problems with posting, as far as I can tell, but each day I get only about half of the posts in my on-line mailbox. I started noticing that I was seeing replies to threads that I had not gotten the original post for. When I went to the QRP-L website and checked, I saw that I was actually receiving only about half of the posts.

Anybody else had or having this problem and having a solution, please contact me directly. I would like to get all the posts.

Thanks.

Wayne NB6M

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:27:20 -0500
From: "Kanalz, Karl" <Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com>
To: "'k6qq@hdo.net'" <k6qq@hdo.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101622] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
Message-ID:
<E78D8A9D6762D411B5440008C791D4AA04A49C74@dfwex03.allegiancetelecom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

But he's CORRECT!!!

Karl K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----

From: John Moriarity [SMTP:k6qq@hdo.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2001 1:26 AM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!

> 4. When the repeater IDs.
>
> Bill, K5ZTY
> Houston,TX

Smart a** ;-)

72, John, K6QQ

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:57:44 -0400 (EDT)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101623] Re: Contesting
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.33.0107051239440.41121-1000000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hello George,

I can not give you the reasons as to why the Contesting Experts would want an Automatic Contest machine, unless it was to serve as a Training Tool for Contesters. Rather like a Computerised Chess Program, It took many years before one could be developed to even come close to matching the skill of a Human Master. while I have heard of Aprogram Besting a Human, That is not a commonplace thing even today. OTOH, We can now buy off the shelf Programs that will Truly Challenge all but the Best Humans.

There even some instances of CPU against CPU Battles.

Will we actually see a TACO in the near Future? I do not know. Like the Robot Lawn Mower, I wouldn't mind having one at times, but I still Cut my own grass, because I can. (At least for now :^)

I suppose the Main reason that a Contester would want one is to be able to show how he/she could beat the pants off of it!

Much like the CW Experts Use RUFZ to practice their contest skills.

The new toy would take it to the next level ?

ALL a guess, of course, Maybe some of the Real Contesting types can offer better reasons for WHY?

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001, George, W5YR wrote:

> I guess I enjoy techie stuff as much as - probably more, according to my
> wife! - the next guy. But, I am missing a point here: WHY?
>
> Granted that it is feasible, possible, practical and inevitable that we can
> build a completely automatic amateur radio contest operating station.
>
> WHY?
>
> Strikes me as making about as much sense as developing a completely
> automatic golf cart that will traverse the course, tee off, drive/chip to
> the green, and sink the putt. And do it 18 times without fail or error,
> preferably a programmable number of strokes under par for the course.
>
> WHY?
>
> I guess some folks would like to sit back in the shade and watch "it" work
> for them and then later stroll up to the awards stand and claim their
> trophy for "winning" the tournament.
>
> Yep, I must be missing something here . . .
>
> 72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6
> Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
> Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!
> Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

> George Gingell wrote:

> > Computerised CW Machines, TACO Etc. Now we are talking something
> > interesting. Yes, It is something Near Impossible to reach. Or so they
> > say, I wonder it Technology might be closer to the task today? Were that
> > I was smart enough to be a programmer, I would jump at the Challenge.

Sir George, The First :^}

72 ES

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"72" = "Wishing You Good QRP" (C) 1991 Oleg Borodin, RV3GM

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:18:03 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Group <qrp-1@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [101624] QRP Get-together at Glacier/Waterton hamfest
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0107051102150.18953-100000@neale.gpfn.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

We'll be having the third QRP Get-together at the Glacier/Waterton hamfest on the July 20th weekend....I haven't seen the agenda but I think it will probably be on Saturday morning, same as last year for 1 hour....please bring whatever for Show & Tell as this is the big "draw"....and of course a chance to yak with fellowees(all-inclusive gender word :-)) qrpers.... Jay(WA5WHN) & Judy(WB5LYJ) will be bringing an FT-817 for us to drool over... please BYOT (bring your own towel)...I have an idea for the Get-together but it will wait until next year when I'm hoping we can have 2 hours to meet...so start thinking or making a list of what you would like to Show&Tell or just plain talk about when we see each other...and a "ps" here - I'm looking for a VERY inexpensive vertical antenna, say 40 through 10 mtrs, to put up on my garage for the fox hunts....maybe someone from Canada in order to avoid the exchange rate, customs....you know the routine eh!?!...hi hi....safe travelling everyone and Bonnie & I are looking forward to seeing all of you once again!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
K2#2032 A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -
"QRP! How sweet it is!" oo#148 "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:37:23 -0700
From: "John Moriarity" <k6qq@hdo.net>
To: <bmurrey@amexol.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101625] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <007201c10579\$26f11500\$fa414cd1@k6qq>

>
> Most excellent.
>
> W4CGP SK - Here's to ya!

One of my favorites, too. Did you know that W4CGP was a vanity call? W4 Certified Guitar Picker. That's the truth. He had been offered an honorary degrees from an educational institution, and he commented that the only degree he wanted was... C.G.P.

73,

John, K6QQ
(whose playing sounds nothing like Chet's)

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:50:06 -0700 (PDT)
From: "Robert P. Okas" <vintage@best.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101626] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.21.0107051047530.12048-100000@shell14.ba.best.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Gang,

Did you know that Ronnie Milsap and Patty Loveless are too?

73,
Bob - W3CD

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 10:53:54 -0700
From: "John Moriarity" <k6qq@hdo.net>
To: <Shephed@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101627] Re: Radio Shack rude was Re: Totally Non-scientific Poll
Message-ID: <007e01c1057b\$75de3e20\$fa414cd1@k6qq>

In defense of Radio Shack:

I live near a small town, out in the sticks (look it up on your map). Tucked into the back of a hardware store is a J.C. Penney's catalog store, and a Radio Shack store, a small one. Since the next nearest source of anything electronic is 90 miles away, I visit this store often. The clerks are young women, and they are surprisingly knowledgeable. They know where everything is located, and don't try a snow job on me.

I'm very grateful for this store, and the folks who work there.

72,

John, K6QQ
Alturas, CA at the corner of 299 & 395.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 10:59:32 -0700
From: "laura halliday" <marsgal42@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101628] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
Message-ID: <F113ZrIkYPzGNsokLQ8000004a0@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

You want a cheap radio for 2m? Start designing.
As always, there is no point in volunteering others.
You want it? *You* do it.

All the circuits are available, as are all the parts.
The most expensive parts will be the VX0 crystal and the PA brick - while there are other approaches, VX0s are generally idiot-proof and easy to get right. Ditto bricks. Be nice and use a linear one like M57732.

Here there is zero 2m SSB/CW operation outside of contests. I have an IC-202 and the only thing I've ever received on it is satellites.

Laura Halliday VE7LDH "Que les nuages soient notre
Grid: CN89mg pied a terre..."

ICBM: 49 15.042 N 122 59.053 W - Hospital/Shafte

Get Your Private, Free E-mail from MSN Hotmail at <http://www.hotmail.com>.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 13:43:45 +0000
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101629] Re: CW on Two Meters! You're Kidding? "IF!"
Message-ID: <200107051815.f65IF6c18880@wolf.ncia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> If you were around during the 60's, recall the sixers and twoers. Plenty
> of people used these simple, low power AM rigs. Lets not count it out.
>

Boy, I had lots of fun running a homebrew 5W input power tube rig,
a MPF-102 converter and 5 ele beam on 2M AM. Was the late 60's and
was a new ham, still in high school. Living in central NJ ws a big
help, lots of activity. Lots of hams joined the local CD to get one
of those big yellow boxes:-)

Yeah know, it shouldn't be too hard to build a VXO tuned 2M
transmitter with a DC receiver, maybe even add a modulator for AM :-)

72,
Steve, KD1JV in the White Mountains of New Hampshire
"Melt Solder"
<http://www.qsl.net/kd1jv/index.html>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:15:22 -0500
From: ke6d@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: ke6d@juno.com
Subject: [101630] FS Almost new Weller Temp Controlled Soldering Station TC201 for \$50
Message-ID: <20010705.111524.246.1.ke6d@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I bought this soldering station new and used it once to build the K2, but

a friend of mine gave me a similar station last year.

Anybody wants a "just like new" (with a little varnish on the heating element!)

Weller Temp Controlled Soldering Station TC201 for \$50

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Amateur Radio Station: KE6D
Danh Le, Milpitas, California
ke6d@arrl.net, ke6d@juno.com
<http://www.qsl.net/ke6d>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:17:18 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
To: Matthew Collier/cis/evp/Okstate <mwc@okstate.edu>
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101631] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10107051113000.7747-1000000@shell.rt66.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001, Matthew Collier/cis/evp/Okstate wrote:

> Chris Dapples (KF7KN) posted a very interesting question to the SARA
> (Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers) list. To paraphrase, he asked
> that if the impedance of freespace is about 377 ohms, why do we not use
> antennas with 377 ohms of impedance?

I will respond to this for those on QRP-L with interest, and because I don't know how to respond to the SARA reflector (and assume it will be forwarded up there by someone!). It's actually a very good question to explore, at least for the radio astronomy perspective.

First, how would you make a tuned-resonant antenna with 377 ohms of impedance? The characteristic impedance of a half-wave dipole, for example, is 70-something ohms, and multi-element antennas, to offer gain, are lower than that. To achieve 377 ohms, you'd have some sort of long wire antenna arrangement, which of course would not be resonant and thus "lossy." For QRP (low power ham radio) work, a lossy antenna can attenuate your signals, but not necessarily keep you from having a QSO.

In radio astronomy, however, there are few radio sources that can be detected with a simple dipole. You simply need to have an antenna system that offers some gain. In fact, to do much of anything with radio astronomy, you really need a BUNCH OF GAIN at the antenna. This is why radio telescopes have these huge 300-foot dishes (Bonn, Germany,

Jodrell Bank, England, or Green Bank, WVA), or dozens of dishes spread out over miles (like the VLA or VLBA), or built into a crater (Arecibo) or at lower frequencies, acres of phased array dipoles (Mills Cross, the Jupiter Watch Array in Florida, etc.).

On HF, the LOUDEST celestial signals hitting the earth are the infrequent L-bursts from Jupiter in the 18-28MHz range. These are typically about a million Jansky's (Jy), with $1\text{Jy}=1\times 10^{-23}\text{ mW}$. Do the math, and you'll see a tuned dipole is just on the verge of detecting this above the noise level (and thus not recommended). The other possible sources to detect with a modest antenna system is the sun, the Crab Nebula (in Cassiopeia) and our galactic center (Sagittarius). With a well built system using a tuned dipole, you MIGHT be able to see a 3dB signal change, forming a "bell curve" as the galactic center or Cas-A drifts through your antenna beam width (which for a dipole, is about horizon-to-horizon!).

The other LOUDEST celestial signals heard on HF by amateur radio astronomers was the SL-9 comet impact with Jupiter. Several amateur radio astronomers, myself included, built systems to detect any possible radiation at the lower frequencies, with a fair measure of success. But then again, the stronger collisions generated power (flux density) in the 10-20MHz range of 10-20 million Jansky's! But ... this is only about 10dB stronger than the minimum signal a dipole can detect. By comparison, consider that most of the signals received by professional radio telescopes are in the MILLI-Jansky range!

In radio astronomy, everything is based on "system temperature" in deg. K, for which the receiver, antenna and noise temperatures must be carefully calculated in order to determine the temperature of the source. From the source temperature, physics can then be done to determine how "hot" the burning gas is, it's size, it's relative motions, etc. A dipole hanging in free space picks up a lot of noise temperature just from the ground underneath it, from nearby buildings, etc. that is very difficult to determine, which of course elevates the background noise of your system.

For those interested in building an amateur radio telescope, here a few system requirements you must consider:

1. Generally, you need an antenna system offering some gain ABOVE a tuned dipole.
2. You need an antenna with the narrowest beam-width you can afford, so the signal you are receiving is a larger percentage of the noise power being received.
3. A narrow beam antenna is also beneficial for helping determine if a received signal is coming from space, or from earth. This is almost impossible to do with a single antenna, and ZIP for a dipole.
4. A 2-element or larger antenna system is recommended to improve the sensitivity (gain), narrower beam width, and to determine the phase the signal hits the two antennas. If the signal comes from space, it will

hit the two antennas about the same time, while a terrestrial signal will hit one antenna first, then the second one a bit later. This is how you can eliminate earth-based interference from a celestial signal ... important for positive identification that your signal is truly "coming from space." But even only 2 antennas will have zones that can fool you on this.

5. You MUST CALIBRATE YOUR SYSTEM! You must have some way of knowing that when your chart recorder moves one division, it is due to so many degrees K change hitting your antenna. This is usually done with a calibrated noise source, injected at the antenna, to measure the antenna's temperature sensitivity. It is not easily done by amateurs. Without calibration, that is, without being able to tell an astronomer looking at your data that a change of 0.1mV at your receiver output is due to a change of 10,000 deg. K at the antenna, your data is useless for science.

At professional radio telescopes, a COLD noise source is usually switched into the system fairly frequently so the rest of the system noise can constantly be determined and subtracted. At the Very Large Array (VLA), the noise source is switched in every 52mS, or about 19 times a second. At the Very Large Baseline Array (VLBA), the noise source is switched in and out 80 times a second! The reason for such high rate of switched noise sampling is to keep up with the fast changes in gain variations due to signal dispersion in the atmosphere and fluctuations in the electronics.

So back to the original question, in theory, it always seems better to match impedances for maximum power transfer. However, any antenna built with a 377 ohm impedance would be a non-tuned antenna, which would be lossy compared to a dipole, and a dipole is just barely adequate to detect the strongest known signals from space. 50-ohm antenna systems are thus used to closer match the impedance of a tuned dipole, and to keep the noise temperature of the feedline at a minimum (the lower the impedance, the less noise).

Anyone in SARA wishing to discuss this further privately is welcomed to email me at this address.

72, Paul NA5N
National Radio Astronomy Observatory
Socorro, New Mexico

However, this is a private reply and does not necessarily reflect the official opinions of the observatory, my employer.

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 14:27:33 -0400
From: "Winston F. Jones" <winjones@ix.netcom.com>
To: <plburbank@kih.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101632] Re: Radio Shack debate
Message-ID: <002501c10580\$296ac360\$48ab5b40@netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I'll echo the praise of others. While the clerks in my local Radio Shack aren't always up on electronic parts, they do leave me alone and let me look around. If I need their assistance, they're always available.

While I wish we had electronics stores like the old days, with all the components we could ever want, I am glad that Radio Shacks are located nearly everywhere and can supply many of the needed components.

They used to advertise themselves as "The Electronics Supermarket." They're actually more like the "Electroics 7-11."
73, Winston K4CWQ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Pete Burbank" <plburbank@kih.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 12:02 PM
Subject: Radio Shack debate

> { resisted getting into this thread for 2 days but ran out of willpower.
> The nearest Shack here is run very well by a Ham operator and
> the Denny's across the street has a wonderful breakfast, :-)
> One thing I'm curious about.....what are the complainers asking about
> and why are they asking if they are so knowledgable?
> 73 to all
> Pete NV4V Kentucky
>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 12:50:02 -0700
From: Bob Welch <p326@earthlink.net>
To: cybrinjn@gis.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101633] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B44C4EA.CAFD273F@earthlink.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0
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Yea Paul, The Old Howard, yes in the 50~s.

Paul Mills wrote:

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> On Thu, 5 Jul 2001 brownh@hartford-hwp.com wrote:
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> > Now, when the original Radio Shack was in Scully Square (sp) across
> > from the Old Howard (any old timers know what I'm referring to? ;- )
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> I was a bit too young, but I remember seeing their (the
> Howard's) ads in the old Daily Record.
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> > Haines KB1GRM
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> Paul KB1GEJ
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> <----c-y-b-r-i-n-j-n-@-g-i-s-.-n-e-t----<<<<<<<<
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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 11:52:38 -0700
From: Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101634] Results of the JULY SPARTAN SPRINT
Message-ID: <B76A04E9.87E1%russ@natworld.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

The July Spartan Sprint was stupendous. Sprinters enjoyed good band conditions and a herd of eager participants. The sprint was a good omen for The Flight of the Bumblebees, which takes place on Sunday, July 29. Mark your calendars!

Each contract received one point. If you didn't tell us the weight of your station, or if it weighed more than the Contest Manager, we assigned a weight of 30 pounds.

The soapbox has been published separately in the July issue of The ARS

Sojourner, which went live today. It is, as usual, chock full of great ham radio journalism. <http://www.natworld.com/ars>

In the July issue we have announced a rule change for the Spartan Sprints. Please check it out. From now on, we are asking sprinters not to report results for radios that are skinned down to the bare minimum. We'd like to encourage the membership to develop radios that are packaged well enough for a practical outdoor environment.

THE SKINNY DIVISION (reported in order of points per pound)

Call	Name	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total Points	Wt.	Points/ Pound
K0EVZ	Doc	0	0	67	0	0	67	1.1	60.91
N7SR	Steve	0	14	54	0	0	68	1.7	40.00
N7RVD	Brian	0	0	26	0	0	26	.99	26.26
N7CEE	Bruce	0	0	41	0	0	41	2.14	19.16
WB3AAL	Ron	0	24	0	0	0	24	1.4	17.14
K7TQ	Randy	0	0	28	0	0	28	1.83	15.30
K5LN	Bill	0	9	43	0	0	52	3.95	13.16
N1EU	Barry	0	20	37	0	0	57	4.4	12.95
N4HAY	Dick	0	22	24	0	0	46	4	11.50
W1PID	Jim	0	14	11	2	0	27	2.5	10.80
K5HWT	Morg	0	0	14	0	0	14	1.3	10.77
K4GT	Jim	0	6	14	0	0	20	2	10.00
N0RC	Rod	0	0	34	0	0	34	3.5	9.71
K4MF	Gary	0	7	34	0	0	41	4.45	9.21
AE6N	Jim	0	0	17	0	0	17	1.9	8.95
K04WX	Mike	0	0	11	0	0	11	1.3	8.46
AF4PP	Chuck	0	0	16	0	0	16	2	8.00
W2QU	Dave	0	7	7	0	0	14	2	7.00
AA3SJ	Ed	0	24	0	0	0	24	3.5	6.86
VE3ELA	Ken	1	10	11	0	0	22	4.5	4.89
N0TK	Dan	0	9	14	1	0	24	5	4.80
N2XE	John	0	8	25	0	0	33	7	4.71
K0BFT	Jim	0	12	5	0	0	17	4	4.25
KB9LCK	Chris	0	4	12	0	0	16	4	4.00
KE1L	Mark	0	11	5	0	0	16	4.2	3.81
NC90	Skip	0	10	10	0	0	20	6	3.33
KH6B	Dean	0	0	15	0	0	15	4.5	3.33
N5IW	Dave	0	4	32	0	0	36	11	3.27
WA9TZE	Jim	13	49	30	0	0	92	30	3.07
WD9F	Woody	0	0	18	0	0	18	6.2	2.90
WZ7W	Jim	0	21	0	0	0	21	8	2.63
K4TJD	Tom	0	3	12	0	0	15	6	2.50
N9AW	Jerry	4	36	34	0	0	74	30	2.47
W0PWE	Jerry	1	26	36	0	0	63	30	2.10

WA8ZBT	Dennis	0	10	47	0	0	57	30	1.90
W2BVH	Lenny	0	8	5	0	0	13	7	1.86
KW4JS	John	0	7	7	0	0	14	8	1.75
KA8LLE	Ben	0	10	7	0	0	17	12	1.42
AA8IV	Rich	0	0	2	0	0	2	1.5	1.33
NV0U	Randy	0	1	18	0	0	19	15	1.27
W9FNB	Gary	0	13	4	0	0	17	14	1.21
KG4FXG	Bill	0	3	8	0	0	11	9.66	1.14
K4AAVX	John	0	7	0	0	0	7	7	1.00
WB4HUC	Mike	0	0	16	0	0	16	18	0.89
W0CH	David	0	8	18	0	0	26	30	0.87
K04PY	Brent	0	6	16	0	0	22	30	0.73
AC5K	Wes	0	0	21	0	0	21	30	0.70
VE3XT	Bill	0	19	0	0	0	19	30	0.63
AA7EQ	Bob	0	1	16	0	0	17	30	0.57
VE6QSL	John	0	0	17	0	0	17	30	0.57
K8CV	Walt	0	15	2	0	0	17	30	0.57
AD4J	Jim	0	0	5	0	0	5	9	0.56
N9K0	Cal	0	6	10	0	0	16	30	0.53
K4BX	Bill	0	3	12	0	0	15	30	0.50
W3ERU	Wes	0	5	5	0	0	10	30	0.33
WF6D	Bill	0	0	7	0	0	7	30	0.23
K6PZB	John	0	0	6	0	0	6	30	0.20
WD0DDI	Layne	0	0	4	0	0	4	30	0.13
W4KGU	Dave	0	1	1	0	0	2	30	0.07

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WA8ZBT	Dennis	0	10	47	0	0	57
K5LN	Bill	0	9	43	0	0	52
N4HAY	Dick	0	22	24	0	0	46
N7CEE	Bruce	0	0	41	0	0	41
K4MF	Gary	0	7	34	0	0	41
N5IW	Dave	0	4	32	0	0	36
N0RC	Rod	0	0	34	0	0	34
N2XE	John	0	8	25	0	0	33
K7TQ	Randy	0	0	28	0	0	28

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W0CH	David	0	8	18	0	0	26
N7RVD	Brian	0	0	26	0	0	26
AA3SJ	Ed	0	24	0	0	0	24
WB3AAL	Ron	0	24	0	0	0	24
N0TK	Dan	0	9	14	1	0	24
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VE3ELA	Ken	1	10	11	0	0	22
WZ7W	Jim	0	21	0	0	0	21
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K6PZB	John	0	0	6	0	0	6
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WD0DDI	Layne	0	0	4	0	0	4
AA8IV	Rich	0	0	2	0	0	2
W4KGU	Dave	0	1	1	0	0	2

Thanks for supporting The Adventure Radio Society!

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU
Contest Manager

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 14:11:29 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <ccrrandal@seidata.com>
To: w0av@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101635] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B44BBE1.937F92C@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That is a shame. When you have a good manager you have a jewel.
There have been many managers that I would love to know how they are doing.
They were good people and it was such a waste to loose them.
In the Cincinnati area there was a really bad (low sales) store and the
thought was you take a manager from a high sales store place him/her in
the bad one and the sales just had to improve. Sales never did and the
managers usually left RS after a short time. That transfer was the kiss of
death to your
RS career and from what one of the managers told me it was a
mandatory transfer. Go to store X or hit the road Jack. It never occurred
to corporate that the store was just in a bad location and NOTHING could help

it other than to move it. RS finally did move it after several years and it
is now a winner.

"'ya gets too smarts too late." The only nice thing about the whole mess was
you could

get items long after they were removed out of the catalog at VERY reduced
rates.

You could fill your junk box for just pennies on the dollar! You also could
get
defective merchandise for just 10% of list price. COOL!

Randy KB8ASO

George F Franklin wrote:

> Gentlemen:

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> I have dealt with various RS stores for about 40 years.

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> With RS, as with many other enterprises, the local manager's policies and

> direction of his/her sales staff usually determine the degree of customer
> satisfaction (or dissatisfaction).
>
> My experience with my local RS has been entirely satisfactory for a
> number of years. My favorite manager has just been transferred to
> another RS store in the area. It remains to be seen whether or not my
> "favorite" RS will continue his tradition. Preliminary reports seem to
> indicate that it will not.
>
> As for identification problems, I always use my RS charge card which
> eliminates a lot of useless conversation and has occasionally given me
> some special deals.
>
> RS certainly is not perfect, but it has been of great benefit to my small
> 2-way radio business as well as my ham activities.
>
> Apologies for the BW, but I did want to make a positive contribution,
> based on my personal experiences.
>
> 72/63/74 de George/W0AV

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"Freedom-is not free" -Korean War National Memorial in Washington

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:19:12 -0700
From: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
To: <vintage@best.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101636] RE: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <NBEDJCBBKGGMMPNBDCKOKELOCIAA.rmccarty@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

and Joe Walsh.

Any others?

KD6CC

>-----Original Message-----

>From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of

>Robert P. Okas

>Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 10:50 AM

>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

>Subject: Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!

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>Hi Gang,

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> Did you know that Ronnie Milsap and Patty Loveless are too?

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>73,

>Bob - W3CD

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 15:18:51 EDT

From: NM5Mike@aol.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)

Subject: [101637] Radio Shack

Message-ID: <61.100fc3d6.2876179b@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I also am an advocate of Radio Shack and their products. I can't tell you how many times I have needed a component after 7:00 PM on a weekday or on a Sunday morning and have been fortunate enough to be able to "hop on my bike" and 5 minutes later check out with the things that I need.

The prices are ok, and the service is fine. Often when the clerk asks me what I am looking for, I answer " come with me, I going to teach you something".

Eric NM5M

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 14:26:29 -0500

From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>

To: p326@earthlink.net

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101638] Army surplus was Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <3B44BF65.8389E52E@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I remember as a kid going into the local Army surplus store in Norwood Oh. and
They had an electronics 3/4 room. I would love to go back there today and
buy,
buy, BUY! ARC-5's rec. and xmitters for \$1.00 good condix complete with
tubes.
Many other part #'s I can't remember now but you name it they had it.
4CX250' s \$1.00
NIB 813's \$2.00 Bought my first tube tester there. It was an I-177. I
paid \$5.00 and it
worked and was in VERY good condix.. They had a mil Hickok card-o-matic
there, no cards for
I think \$10.00! Those were the days and that was in the mid 70's! Quick,
where is my time machine?!

Randy KB8AS0

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"Freedom-is not free" -Korean War National Memorial in Washington

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 14:31:40 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
To: rmccarty@earthlink.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101639] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <3B44C09C.7E5CA499@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I don't know about others but I would like to hear what stories
Bob Heil could tell about some rock stars in private!
I heard him on 3.875 last night talking just a little about
the old days.

Randy KB8AS0

"Roger A. McCarty" wrote:

> and Joe Walsh.
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> Any others?
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> KD6CC
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> >-----Original Message-----
> >From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> >Robert P. Okas
> >Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 10:50 AM
> >To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> >Subject: Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 15:32:16 -0400
From: "Chris" <w4yyz@tampabay.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101640] Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <000e01c10589\$334801a0\$7e4e2041@blitzk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

http://www.nerc.com/~gjurrens/famous_hams.html

----- Original Message -----

From: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 3:19 PM
Subject: RE: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!

> and Joe Walsh.

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> KD6CC

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 14:37:55 -0500
From: Wayne Williams <aa5jj@swbell.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101641] Screwdriver antenna
Message-ID: <3B44C213.CF971429@swbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hello does anyone have a good used Screwdriver antenna and mount that I could mount on a small travel trailer, want to go portable after the heat this fall and get my hook wet. Thanks and I think this is the best group of hams I have ran across in 26 years, everyone is always ready to help.
God bless all.....Wayne AA5JJ

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 15:43:10 -0400
From: <brownh@hartford-hwp.com>
To: p326@earthlink.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101642] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <200107051943.f65JhAh19312@hartford-hwp.com>

Re the Old Howard, I can't resist:

<http://www.bambinomusical.com/Scollay/>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 08:50:58 -0700

From: lhlousek <lhlousek@nvhbell.net>
To: na5n@rt66.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101643] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching
Message-ID: <008e01c1056a\$491a09c0\$650dfea9@nvhbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hi Paul,

The natural resonant frequency (where you get a purely resistive load) and feedpoint impedances for dipoles, yagis, verticals, etc. are what they are because of the physical constants in this universe. You can change this to whatever resistance you want with a network or transformer or by feeding it the appropriate point. e.g. A dipole is a center fed 1/2 wave antenna. A 1/2 wave antenna can have impedances ranging from a low when fed at the center to thousands of ohms if fed at the end. You can choose a point along the antenna to give you the impedance you want. Non resonant antennas are not necessarily lossy. They are only lossy in that the high currents and fields can suffer losses in wire and dielectrics. Well designed systems (like good loop antennas) can have very high currents and very high fields without suffering significant loss.

Lou W7DZN

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 12:56:13 -0700
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <aa5jj@swbell.net>
Subject: [101644] RE: Screwdriver antenna
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-BD-010705195613Z-1396@ag-basalt-pxy.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
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Wayne,

The screwdriver antenna is easily homebrewed.... Plans are \$5 from Don Johnson and just beg to be modified! The only real difficult part is making the coil, the rest of it is bought from your local hardware store.....

.mark

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>From: Wayne Williams[SMTP:aa5jj@swbell.net]

>Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 12:37 PM

>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

>Subject: Screwdriver antenna

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 15:00:29 -0500

From: "DONALD G. DORN" <DDORN@CWIS.NET>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU>

Subject: [101645] MAILING TO CHINA

Message-ID: <3B44C75D.6E52CD81@CWIS.NET>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Folks,

I have had a request from BD2RH to send some parts to an old basket case
TS520 that I listed on the boatanchors reflector. I am willing to give
him the parts but have not the faintest idea of what it would cost to
mail a package of about a pound to China, or of the problems involved.
Does anybody on the list have any experience with this? Any info or
suggestions appreciated.

Don K5AAR

Oklahoma

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 11:30:42 -0400 (EDT)

From: n2go@arrl.net

To: "DONALD G. DORN" <DDORN@CWIS.NET>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [101646] Re: MAILING TO CHINA

Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0107051128150.5112-100000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Look up USPS and check for shipping rates and conditions to China.

[http://ircalc.usps.gov/speed.asp?](http://ircalc.usps.gov/speed.asp?Country=China&Pounds=1&Ounces=0&cmdSubmit=Continue&Contents=1)
[Country=China&Pounds=1&Ounces=0&cmdSubmit=Continue&Contents=1](http://ircalc.usps.gov/speed.asp?Country=China&Pounds=1&Ounces=0&cmdSubmit=Continue&Contents=1)
73,

Jim n2go

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 15:15:19 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
To: norman_y@yahoo.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101647] Re:
Message-ID: <3B44CAD7.3A2102D6@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Norman Young wrote:

> Randy and the group,
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> I suspect that all sales personnel
> are instructed to to ask to assist as a matter of
> politeness, and to keep their eyes open.
>

How polite is it to walk into the store and have 3 sales persons
ask you "What may I help you find today" within a period of 2 min.?
MAN! Commission is the problem. They don't sell they don't eat.
OK. I understand you have to sell to stay in business, but if not rushed
I'll find other things I just have to take home with me. I like to look
at
what is on sale or clearenced. If I feel pressured I'll
grab the bare minimum and check out. RS is getting to be like the high
pressure appliance stores. You can't walk in with out several vultures
hovering over you, asking what they can show you. I would like the
opportunity to look and see if there is anything I am interested in before

wasting their time and mine. Theft I can understand, but you do not need to be within 2 feet staring at the shopper. How about standing a discreet

distance away? That 2 foot garbage makes me claustrophobic!

>

> I have two favorite RS's that I use, and the folks in
> both know me now. (The manager of one is a ham, too.)

>

I know only one manager anymore that knows me by sight. Nice guy and good to work with. I'll throw my business his way any time I can. I knew of

one other recently that was a complete jerk. It didn't matter if you were spending

\$2.00 or \$1,500. He always looked (and acted) as if you were wasting his time.

Not sad to see him go at all. Too few of the former and too many of the later.

The older I get the more I do not like poor service and to have it forced on me

is just too much to put up with.

>

> That was not always the case. First few times in

> both, was like the first time in most any RS.

> However, I always make it a point to spend a little

> bit of time talking to the sales people, telling them

> what I am looking for and what I want to do with it,

> even when I can find the part much faster than their

> newest sales people. (I almost always have the

> catalog and page number written down when I go in

> anyway.)

>

I have had conversations with some sales people here and there, some quite nice.

For the most part they want to get you in, sell you something and get you out.

I usually think of the part on the way home or while I am out. I do not have the

time usually to make a list complete with RS P/N's and catalog page #'s.

>

> I suspect that the reason we don't experience the

> constant supervision at most parts outlets is that

> they probably are not as likely to have shoplifters

> there.
>
> I have used RS for years, and I have gotten good stuff
> from them as well as not so good. Same thing with the
> parts places. However, aside from the fact that I can
> go into my favorite stores and browse pretty much
> unmolested now, I generally try to support them when
> it makes sense to do so, because I like having a
> nearby parts source, and without the demand, the parts
> won't be stocked. The in-store parts selection is
> decreasing, perhaps in part because experimenters are
> looking elsewhere, or maybe because there is less
> demand for parts. In any case, I am sure RS can make
> more money in the same amount of retail space by
> selling phones, stereos or computers.
>
> This is not by any means an unqualified endorsement of
> RS (I don't have any interest in doing so and other
> standard disclaimers), but only a suggestion that
> while they don't carry all the stuff hams want or
> need, and they don't always speak our language, they
> are convenient for some things. You take the good
> with the bad, I suppose.
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> 72,
> Norman
> KA4PUV
> ***
> Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2001 17:56:07 -0500
> From: Randy & Cara Randall
>
> <SNIP>
>
> Well I am 15 min to the closest RatShack Dealer as the
> town is too small
> for RS to bother putting a factory store here. I was
> at the place
> yesterday looking for a mini 8 adapter for a PL259. I
> was accosted with
> "My I help you find something?" " No I've got it. "
> and I proceeded
> to look at the peg board. No more than 30 seconds
> elapsed and
> the sales drone said " If you would tell me what you
> want I could
> help you " in a terse voice. If I didn't need the
> part and it wasn't
> another 35 min. away from the next closest store, I'd

> told him
> to stick his attitude and his part. So I told him
> what I was looking for.
> He proceeded to the computer section looking for some
> unknown adapter. " No what I am looking for is a
> RF adapter like you would use for a CB. " dunning it
> down for him.
> Then the light bulb flashed on dimly. He went to the
> right section but still had no
> idea what I wanted. I grabbed the part and checked
> out.
>
> <SNIP>
>
> -----
> Do You Yahoo!?
> Get personalized email addresses from Yahoo! Mail
> <http://personal.mail.yahoo.com/>

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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 13:15:11 -0700
From: Robert Clark <res03db2@gte.net>
To: Glenn Maclean <wa7spy@home.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101648] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <20010705131511.A9016@darkstar.gte.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

One of these days I'm going to make the counter
help give me his/her own personal information.

After all, If I can trust the bum behind the
counter, he can trust me. (Right?)

I wonder sometime if Shady O' Rack is looking

to protect themselves from being sued, when
bomb parts get traced back to the store.

And even though they say all your information
is kept private, you can't hold them to it.

[RC]

On Wed, Jul 04, 2001 at 06:27:32PM -0700, Glenn Maclean wrote:

> I went to the local Radio Shack today to purchase batteries and a charger
> for the soon to arrive battery option for my K1. I was very surprised to
> find them open on the 4th of July. The clerk asked for my name and looked it
> up on his computer. All of the information was incorrect. He asked is this
> correct. I simply told him yes that's me. Paid the bill and left.

>
> Glenn WA7SPY
>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 15:16:39 -0500 (CDT)
From: randy@randyrathbun.org
To: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101649] RE: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0107051459430.29324-1000000@mainbox.randyrathbun.org>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

One of the band members of 38 Special - Larry Junstrom KN4UB, and Tony
Bongiovi KX2C who owns The Power Station and produced or engineered quite
a few albums (including my favorite: Ramones 'Leave Home'
<http://allmusic.com/cg/amg.dll?p=amg&sql=A23820rnac489>). Then there is Tex
Beneke, Burl Ives, Stu Cook of CCR, and Cliff Richard.

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001, Roger A. McCarty wrote:

> and Joe Walsh.
>
> Any others?
>
> KD6CC
>
> >-----Original Message-----
> >From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> >Robert P. Okas
> >Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 10:50 AM
> >To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> >Subject: Re: Chet Atkins was a HAM!!
> >
> >
> >Hi Gang,
> >
> > Did you know that Ronnie Milsap and Patty Loveless are too?
> >
> >73,
> >Bob - W3CD
> >
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Randy Rathbun, NV0U randy@randyrathbun.org
nv0u@arrl.net Elecraft K2 #1981 ARS #895 QRP-ARCI #10776
KCQRP #1 NORCAL NJQRP
<http://randyrathbun.org> <http://quitequitefantastic.org>
<http://astrodot.org>

If Bill Gates had a nickle for every time Windows crashed....
Oh, wait, he does!
- posting on slashdot.org

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 13:17:48 -0700
From: Bill Miner <wg6h@postoffice.pacbell.net>
To: DDORN@CWIS.NET
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101650] Re: MAILING TO CHINA
Message-ID: <3B44CB6C.AA1E95AC@postoffice.pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Gee Don,

Since they made us mail our airplane home in boxes you should have
little trouble mailing a pound or two of radio parts TO China.

Think about it!

Bill

"DONALD G. DORN" wrote:

>
> Hi Folks,
> I have had a request from BD2RH to send some parts to an old basket case
> TS520 that I listed on the boatanchors reflector. I am willing to give
> him the parts but have not the faintest idea of what it would cost to
> mail a package of about a pound to China, or of the problems involved.
> Does anybody on the list have any experience with this? Any info or
> suggestions appreciated.
>
> Don K5AAR
> Oklahoma

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 13:26:29 -0700 (PDT)
From: "R. Soetedjo" <robi@u.washington.edu>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101651] Re: Radio Shack
Message-ID: <Pine.A41.4.33.0107051325410.30020-100000@dante15.u.washington.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have a better one:

Radio Shack!
You got questions, we got problems!

rob

On Thu, 5 Jul 2001 Shepherd@aol.com wrote:

> Radio Shack!
> You got questions, we got blank stares!
>
> 72, oo
> Dan, N8IE
>
>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 13:31:56 -0700 (PDT)
From: N1EU <n1eu@yahoo.com>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101652] SST Q2 final
Message-ID: <20010705203156.51319.qmail@web14607.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Wondering if anyone has tried using a 2SC2166C as a substitute output transistor for a little more output in the SST? Haven't seen it proposed in the mods listings.

Specs for 2SC2166 are listed in ARRL HB. Anyone know if 2SC2166C specs are the same?

Tnx/73,
Barry N1EU

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 15:36:00 -0500
From: Randy & Cara Randall <crrandal@seidata.com>
To: schoon@amgt.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101653] Re: Screwdriver antenna
Message-ID: <3B44CFB0.8DA13F2F@seidata.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The other part that would be difficult to do is the expanded area at the end of the tubing that holds the finger stock. I have one of Don's antennas and it works FB. That coil machined into the base would be a bear too!

Randy.

p.s. Mine uses a Black and Decker screwdriver that operated on 4 AA batteries. If you are going to convert one see if any of your buddies has a dead rechargable one or find the cheapo AA model. Remember the resistor! 4 ohms at 10 watts works for me @ 12 V.

schoon@amgt.com wrote:

> Wayne,
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> The screwdriver antenna is easily homebrewed.... Plans are \$5 from Don
> Johnson and just beg to be modified! The only real difficult part is
> making the coil, the rest of it is bought from your local hardware
> store.....
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> .mark
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> >-----
> >From: Wayne Williams[SMTP:aa5jj@swbell.net]
> >Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 12:37 PM
> >To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> >Subject: Screwdriver antenna
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> >Hello does anyone have a good used Screwdriver antenna and mount that I
> >could mount on a small travel trailer, want to go portable after the
> >heat this fall and get my hook wet. Thanks and I think this is the best
> >groop of hams I have ran across in 26 years, everyone is always ready to
> >help.
> >God bless all.....Wayne AA5JJ
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Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 16:30:35 -0400
From: "Hare,Ed, W1RFI" <w1rfi@arrl.org>
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101654] FW: ARLB026 Amateur LF signal spans the Pacific!
Message-ID: <125490A005E3D3118C9C00805FC743CC023B343B@KAHLESS>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Our very own VE7SL is once again center stage. Way to go, Steve!

73,
Ed Hare, W1RFI
ARRL Lab
225 Main St
Newington, CT 06111
Tel: 860-594-0318
Internet: w1rfi@arrl.org
Web: <http://www.arrl.org/tis>

-----Original Message-----

From: ARRL Web site [mailto:memberlist@www.arrl.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 4:27 PM
To: w1rfi@arrl.org
Subject: ARLB026 Amateur LF signal spans the Pacific!

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB026
ARLB026 Amateur LF signal spans the Pacific!

ZCZC AG26
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 26 ARLB026
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 5, 2001
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB026
ARLB026 Amateur LF signal spans the Pacific!

A signal transmitted on 184 kHz from ZL6QH--the Wellington, New Zealand, Amateur Radio Club's Quartz Hill station--has spanned the Pacific. The transmission, part of a series of announced transpacific tests, was received on June 30 by Steve McDonald, VE7SL, of British Columbia, Canada.

'A claim is made for the confirmed reception of ZL6QH by VE7SL, on 184.4 kHz, over a path of 11,709 km,' said Bob Vernall ZL2CA, who organized the transpacific tests. 'This is a one-way confirmation, as VE7SL does not have transmitting capability.' Vernall said that on June 30, seven New Zealand stations--including ZL6QH--and one

Australian transmitted test signals in the 160-190 kHz band for the transpacific tests. Amateurs in New Zealand have access to that band.

McDonald used Argo software to capture the ZL6QH signal and very likely that of ZL40L, although no claim was being made for the latter. The reception occurred right around the time of sunrise in British Columbia.

ZL6QH was transmitting dual-frequency CW with two-minute elements, one frequency representing dits, the other dahs. The ZL6QH station was running approximately 100 W into a longwire antenna.

Amateurs spanned the Atlantic in both directions earlier this year on 136 kHz. Efforts to make it across the Pacific have been under way during the winter season in the Southern Hemisphere.

The ARRL has petitioned the FCC to authorize Amateur Radio allocations at 136 kHz and in the 160-190 kHz band. The petition is pending.

NNNN

/EX

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 14:44:14 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101655] Radio Shack
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0107051432550.3094-100000@localhost.localdomain>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I live in a small town < 100,000 in the county, and have been a Ham for 50 years. If RS was to close their doors, every little device I need would have to be ordered from afar. I spend about \$100/yr at my favorite RS store. If Steve doesn't have it he calls all the other stores for me.

I decided to get my old, slightly rusty D-104 mike working. I checked the old crystal element and it sounded bad. Went to RS and found a condenser mike flat from 20 Hz to 25,000 Hz and it was \$2.00. Put that in the D-104 case and the mike sounds like a Heil \$100 job! This took me one trip to RS and 3 hours making a cable. The Kenwood TS-50 brings out +8 volts to the mike jack, no less...

I WANT RS in town and I am very happy to visit Steves store

because he's making a good living and I have what I need in his store. I got the power FET that makes 5 watts on 40 meters there. If someone wants to know how to build something it's great if you can quote RS part numbers so they can call around and then get everything!

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 13:47:46 -0700
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <crrandal@seidata.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101656] RE: Screwdriver antenna
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-BD-010705204746Z-1405@ag-basalt-pxy.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, you have a newer version. Mine isn't all machined up like his newer design is, mine is in pieces. You don't need all that fancy machining to build one. His plans will show you how... I've had mine in use for over 80K miles and finally rebuilt it... I just bought some 2" aluminum pipe and standard fingerstock. A hose clamp is all it takes to hold that on.... A well stocked junk box or garage has about 80% of what you need to make one... If you're not planning on mobile ops, but portable, then just use your imagination on how to build the thing....

.mark

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>From: Randy & Cara Randall[SMTP:crrandal@seidata.com]
>Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2001 1:36 PM
>To: Mark Schoonover
>Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
>Subject: Re: Screwdriver antenna
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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 13:04:45 -0800
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <AL7FS@pobox.alaska.net>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [101657] Fox - AL7FS - Tonight - Be there! :-)
Message-ID: <3B44D66D.75B56B46@pobox.alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

See you all tonight for the Fox Hunt.

Again, pray for propagation to be functional to Alaska. You have all heard me "whine" over the years about Alaska propagation and yet hundreds of you have made the trip over the years. Perhaps tonight will be a "good" night. :-)

See:
<http://www.cqc.org/sfox/>

73, Jim
Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West
<mailto:al7fs@arrl.net> - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

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Subject: Change: 20 Meter Fox on Thursday Eve - AL7FS / Alaska
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2001 09:39:51 -0800
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <AL7FS@pobox.alaska.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

I like what Dave, N0IT and Rod, N0RC are doing with their Cub Fox. Plagerizing (95%) from them, here is my new info.

The biggest change is that I will change frequency. I will look for a hole near 14.059 and I will tighten up my listening spread to +/- 1 kHz or less. Only if I cannot find a place near .059 will

I look below 14.058....say 14.052-14.057. I have had several emails suggesting strongly that I steer clear of FISTS.

Here is the new info...shamefully copied from the Cub Fox posts to QRP-L.

I'll be calling CQ FOX AL7FS, and operating at 15-18 WPM. If there's a pile up please don't call on my TX frequency as a courtesy to others. If you don't have any rig with RIT, then just call where you have to. I'll be listening +/- 1 kHz or so from my TX FREQ. Mostly +/- 500 hz. The exchange will be:

ME to YOU:

<YOUR CALL> DE AL7FS 559 AK Jim 5W <YOUR CALL> BK

YOU to ME:

AL7FS DE <YOUR CALL> <RST> <SPC> <NAME> <YOUR PWR> BK

I'll then QSL or ask for fills. If I need a fill I'll send:

RST? BK

SPC? BK

NAME? BK

-or-

PSE RPT?? (Reserved for when I blow it all)

Listen carefully. When I send TU or TNX, we're done, and I'll look for the next

QSO by sending something like:

QRZ? FOX DE AL7FS

I sure hope I survive this. I am out of practice.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska

(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West

mailto:al7fs@arrl.net - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 17:27:57 -0400

From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>

To: na5n@rt66.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [101658] Re: Antenna to Freespace Impedance Matching

Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010705171557.00a8bbf0@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Dear Paul and Gangue
Hopefully when I die and (hopefully) go to heaven I will get to chat with
Maxwell.
Eternity should be just about the right amount of time to get his equations
into my thick head, :-)
73 to All
Pete NV4V Kentucky
"We don't wear shoes but we are up on heart transplants" :-)

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 17:37:58 -0400
From: "Gary Powell\"(n4dl_qrp\)" <n4dl_qrp@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101659] ***** And the winner is.....
Message-ID: <00fd01c1059a\$c2f31ea0\$a3904d0c@garys>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

First, my apology for taking up this space, but I couldn't resist.

The winner for the e-mail reflector thread
that has wasted the most Internet bandwidth,
and subsequently,
resulted in the largest number of off-topic e-mails in my inbox, is:

Radio Shack

My congratulations to the originator, to whom I apologize for deleting your
e-mail and losing your name.

Gary, N4DL

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 18:02:12 -0400
From: Tom & Roxanne <zikot@erie.net>
To: Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101660] RE: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010705175342.028bb600@erie.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

That is a classic example of why there isn't more CW activity on VHF. Six and 2m are great bands for CW work, just too many people are too busy finding excuses not to get on. I have spent many hours tuning and listening to static hoping for a CW QSO on those bands, with no regrets. When a QSO is made it makes it just that more enjoyable. I have been on VHF since 1975 and the fact that it isn't always jumping with activity will not stop me from listening for someone to QSO with. It can be just as much fun as sitting on the bank of a lake for hours waiting for a fish to bite. Unless you mount the fish it is gone, friendships made over ham radio can last a lifetime. I'll take the friendship.

That was my 5 cents worth.

Long live CW and VHF CW contacts.

At 08:54 AM 7/5/01 -0500, Kanalz, Karl wrote:

>I didn't make a sweeping, generalized statement, Bill,
>but tell us (or at least me) just *how many* CW con-
>tacts did you have ton 6, 2 or 70cms over say, a
>one-year time span? How many of those contacts were
>not pre-arranged by either you or your local ham club
>organization? How many were truly "random" as you
>tuned the bottom end of those VHF bands (other than,
>for example, during contests)?
>
>I have not experienced enough activity on 2M or 70cm
>CW activity to make the endless hours of tuning up and
>down the CW portion (even using a beacon mode) to
>make it worth the cost of electricity to recharge batteries!

>
>Karl K - W8TIF
>McKinney, Texas
>

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Bill ROWLETT [SMTP:kc4atu@yahoo.com]
>Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2001 11:37 AM
>To: Karl.Kanalz@allegiancetelecom.com; Low Power Amateur Radio

>Discussion
>Subject: Re: CW on Two Meters? You're Kidding!
>
>Karl and all who are intereasted,
>
>Plse. don't make 2 meter cw sound lake a waste of
>time. From someone who has spent many a night in qso
>on 2m, 70cm & 6m cw, the vhf bands are alive and well
>at times other than the ones you state.
>
>At least 10 to 25 watts to a small gain ant.(boom
>length of 4 to 6 feet) should provide many a mountain
>top contact. They work well from the fixed qth also.
>
>True, the bands are not wall to wall people, but qso's
>can be made.
>
>73 Bill
>
>-----
>Do You Yahoo!?
>Get personalized email addresses from Yahoo! Mail
><http://personal.mail.yahoo.com/>

73's es gud DX!

Tom & Roxanne
WA1VAI
Erie, PA.

Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 22:09:19 -0000
From: "Delbert Long" <ad6we@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [101661] more famous hams...
Message-ID: <F94XAarwgAP93s25UE9000024c2@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I found a few links...an easy search.

<http://www.uni-duisburg.de/~ha055am/bis1999/Text/promis.htm>
<http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Gold/9912/famous.html>
<http://www.qsl.net/ct1nmv/wallfame.html>
<http://www.qsl.net/ik5ztt/Vip.htm>

I'd be interested to know who might have worked some of these people.

It would be fun to see their logs, as well.

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Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2001 17:44:19 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: AL7FS@pobox.alaska.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [101662] Re: Fox - AL7FS - Tonight - Be there! :-)
Message-ID: <3B44EDC3.CC844ED8@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have not seen any announcement from Larry N2WW for tonight - have I missed it?

If so, would someone mind forwarding me a copy?

Many thanks!

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina #91900556 IC-765 #02437

Jim Larsen AL7FS wrote:

>
> See you all tonight for the Fox Hunt.
>
> Again, pray for propagation to be functional to Alaska. You have all
> heard me "whine" over the years about Alaska propagation and yet
> hundreds of you have made the trip over the years. Perhaps tonight will

> be a "good" night. :-)
>
> See:
> <http://www.cqc.org/sfox/>

Date: Thu, 5 Jul 2001 18:53:47 EDT
From: RangerSF5@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [101663] Anyone remember
Message-ID: <110.1eef8a5.287649fb@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The name of the small store in Akron, OHIO that sold all type of parts, crystal
set kits, etc back in the late 1950's?
Bob
WA2HOQ

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